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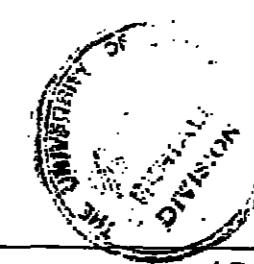
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British Rail axes 5,000 on black day for jobs

■ The recession bit deep into British industry with nearly 10,000 job losses yesterday. Output figures added to the gloom and there were calls for an emergency employment programme

By PATRICIA TEAHAN AND JILL SHERMAN

THE axe fell on nearly 10,000 workers yesterday as more firms buckled under the unrelenting pressure of the recession. British Rail stunned its workforce with a surprise announcement that it is to shed 5,000 jobs within four months, and there were further heavy cuts in the finance and construction industry.

The Royal Bank of Scotland is to reduce its staff by 3,500 over the next five years, the finance house Lombard North Central is shedding 400 and Eagle Star insurers are cutting 200 staff. Blue Circle, Britain's biggest cement maker, emphasised the depression in the building industry when it coupled an announcement that it was cutting 550 jobs with a prediction that demand would not return to 1989 levels this century. The excavator company JC Bamford

blamed "a massive drop in revenue due to the continuing recession" and also the "tight settlement" on the amount of money it would have available over the next three years. In his Autumn Statement last week, Norman Lamont announced a tiny increase in the railways' budget — from £1.36 billion to £1.49 billion next year.

But BR said that income from Network SouthEast and InterCity was expected to be at least £100 million less than forecast, and Trainload Freight had lost income because of the effect of the recession on its main customers. That meant next year's income was likely to be £400 million less than had been forecast.

The job cuts will affect all areas, with half the redundancies hitting clerical, managerial and administrative staff. Most will leave through a voluntary severance scheme, but there will be some compulsory redundancies.

Rail unions blamed the cuts on a slimming-down exercise in the run-up to privatisation. Richard Rosser, general secretary of the Transport Salaried Staffs' Association, said: "The travelling public will be hit just as much as the staff. As well as further reductions in staff, it is clear that the board will be reducing the projected levels of investment in the industry." While customers were facing fare rises of double the inflation rate, there would be cuts in infrastructure investment that was vital to the railways' long-term future.

Gordon Brown said yesterday's figures proved that the economy was not only still in recession but that the decline was sharpening. "When there are 250,000 jobs still at risk with the construction industry still expecting a further 50,000 jobs to go, the Autumn statement is unravelling more unemployment which is still paralysing the economy in every part of Britain".

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Wormwood Scrubs culminated in a provocative staging of Sondheim's "serial killer" musical, *Sweeney Todd*. That was well received, but *West Side Story* in Wandsworth prison is altogether livelier. The prisoners are not simply taking part; they act as if their lives depend upon it. Which, in a sense, they do.

Being in the audience, however, does instil an unease.

You are already aware that you are entering the only

British prison to have retained its gallows. You are led

out from a gatehouse through a gap in a towering

security fence, across a garish

hooligan-exercise yard, and up a dingy staircase to "Gym

nasium 1". The audience is

backed up against two walls.

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He said that a church or rite

C of E has become a sect, says Leonard

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE former Bishop of

London, the Right Rev Graham Leonard, who is preparing to lead hundreds of clergy and laity out of the Church of England as a result of the vote to admit women to the priesthood, said last night that the church had become a sect.

In an interview with *The Times*, Sir Graham said he could not remain permanently a member of the Church of England, which had "chosen to disregard the mind of the greater part of Catholic Christendom". He proposes that there should be a special rite (part) of the Catholic Church for former Anglicans.

A leading traditionalist who has been in the vanguard of the opposition to women priests, Sir Graham said the Church of England had become an "inward-looking club" after the General Synod's vote to admit women to the priesthood.

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Hillsborough victim given right to die by High Court

By FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A LANDMARK High Court ruling yesterday that doctors could disconnect the feeding tube keeping alive Tony Bland, a Hillsborough victim, was greeted with overwhelming relief by the parents of Mr Bland who said they were hopeful of winning the appeal.

The ruling, which paves the way for doctors lawfully to stop treating patients such as Mr Bland by cutting off their life-support systems, brought differing reactions from the professions and pro-life groups.

As the medical and legal professions endorsed the ruling as humane and right, groups such as Life pledged last night to fight it every step of the way as it goes up to the Court of Appeal and House of Lords. Keith Davies, for Life, said: "We believe this decision is unsafe and we will be using every legal, legitimate and democratic means to oppose it."

As he gave his far-reaching judgment Sir Stephen Brown, president of the family division, said of Mr Bland, 22, whose higher brain functions were destroyed in the football crush at Hillsborough in Sheffield three years ago: "May his soul rest in peace."

The judge gave an unprecedented declaration that it would be lawful for doctors to stop feeding Mr Bland and allow him to die "peacefully with the greatest dignity and the least distress".

There was no possibility, he added, that Mr Bland, who has been in what is called a "persistent vegetative state" since the football crush would emerge. To his parents, Sir Stephen said, he was dead. "His spirit has left him and all that remains is

the shell of his body." Counsel for the Official Solicitor had claimed an act that caused death could never be lawful when death was the intended outcome. The parents of Mr Bland said they were hopeful of winning the appeal.

David Venable, the Official Solicitor, who represented Tony Bland's interests and who is to launch the appeal so that the law is clarified, said he regretted that this would "prolong the ordeal of Mr and Mrs Bland but this decision raises issues of such importance it is essential that the court's



Bland: "may his soul rest in peace"

decision should be considered by the Court of Appeal". The hearing is set for November 30.

The Airedale Trust, which made no application in court for the costs of bringing the case, undertook not to discontinue feeding Mr Bland pending the outcome of the appeal.

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Schools, politicians and councils attack errors in national leagues

Major denies exam survey was botched

By JOHN O'LEARY
AND PHILIP WEBSTER

JOHN Major yesterday dismissed charges that publication of the first school examination league tables had been "botched" by the government as Labour demanded the withdrawal of the results.

More than 30 schools have complained to the education department about inaccuracies in their published results, and one is threatening to sue. However, ministers insisted that the number of mistakes was tiny in a collection of 250,000 statistics.

As Labour reported a flood of complaints from parents, governors, teachers and local education authorities about "disastrous" errors in the tables, the prime minister and John Patten, the education secretary, declared defiantly that even more information would be published next year.

The final shape of the 1993 tables is yet to be determined, but national curriculum test results, attendance rates and data on the destinations of leavers will be included. An assessment of the value added by schools will be included in future years, when the same pupils' results can be compared at different points in their school careers.

Mr Patten reported to the cabinet yesterday on the exam tables, and is to appear before the Commons education committee next week to answer questions on the exercise.

As a political storm erupted yesterday, Mr Patten faced Labour calls to resign. Ann Taylor, the shadow education secretary, said that Labour had been "inundated with people in obvious distress".

The prime minister was challenged in the Commons by John Smith, the Labour leader, who said that the government was "so incompetent it cannot even produce an accurate record of the examination results".

A combative Mr Major said that Labour wanted to cover up the statistics and said: "The education service will never again be able to hide this important information. This is information that legitimately ought to be available to parents, is now available to parents and ought to continue to be available to parents."

The education department is investigating all complaints of inaccuracy before issuing erratum slips for local authority booklets. A spokesman said that at least 20 were found to be unsubstantiated after investigation by PMS Communications, the company that compiled the tables. When given the chance to correct figures before publication, schools had either missed deadlines or failed to provide the required evidence.

The original listings are already on their way to primary schools and public libraries.



Caring for Patten: the general opinion in the Henrietta Barnett School staffroom was critical of the education secretary

Teachers at top school give Patten poor marks for 'divisive' tables

By TIM JONES

HAMPSTEAD Garden Suburb in north London is where the security alarms on the homes of rich suburbia spring into view once the leaves have fallen from trees protecting well-manicured lawns.

Children who live there, by most definitions, privileged. Many of them attend the Henrietta Barnett School for girls which has a reputation for academic excellence, discipline and achievement.

However, John Patten, the education secretary, would be wrong in assuming a warm welcome awaited him in the staff room.

Teachers there say his departmental staff could not even get their sums right in claiming that only 89 per cent of their pupils aged 15 who sat the exam achieved A-C passes in five or more subjects. The figure should be 96 per cent, they pointed out.

Far from praising his initiative in publishing schools' examination results, most of the staff were dismissive of the whole exercise. Teachers at the voluntary aided school, which only takes in girls who pass an entrance examination, believed the £1.4m estimated to have been spent in publishing three million booklets

■ Even teachers at a London school that achieved excellent results doubt the wisdom of examination leagues. Learning, they say, is far more than just a numbers game

could have been put to better use. There was an overwhelming consensus that the exercise would increase pressure on pupils and staff at "good" schools, create dissent among parents whose children went to "bad" schools while ignoring problems of underfunding and social background.

Wendy Smith, joint head of the sixth form said: "This is an exercise in statistics which must always be regarded with suspicion. Education is far more than a numbers game and must never be reduced to that."

Peter Salisbury, the school's information technology co-ordinator said: "Education is not about figures, it is about helping individuals to their own level of achievement and potential. The whole process of teaching appears to be misunderstood by the government. They appear to ignore the reality that a child, however good the teacher, must be affected by his or her socio-economic background."

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each child was able to have spent on it the amount that government ministers spend in educating their children there would be far less of a problem."

Ines Van Dew Eering, a teacher, said: "The girls who come here are selected so of course their results will be better than those achieved at a comprehensive — you would expect that."

"But the publication of these figures seems to indicate that exam success is all that is important."

"Teaching is about helping people fulfil their potential. If a very bright pupil does very well that is fine, but it is to be expected. If a less bright girl does well then she and the teacher have been properly involved in the education process."

Bob Archer, who teaches modern languages said he used to teach at the Sydney Russell comprehensive school in Barking, where, according to the department, only 9 per

cent of children sitting the exam achieved 5 or more A-C grade level passes.

"It is an insult to suggest the teachers there are any less talented or dedicated than teachers anywhere. The fact is that many of them come from socially deprived backgrounds which places them at a disadvantage. Studying in the only room in a house with lots of other people present and with the television blaring is not a recipe for success."

John Windram, who teaches politics and economics, agreed with the socio-economic argument but said such statistics had a place if they were treated with caution.

"Of course there are wider arguments but the figures could be useful if they encourage parents whose children go to 'sink' schools to put more pressure on headteachers."

"Some heads appear to be very lax in what they expect from their pupils, so if these figures force a school to deliver more through parent pressure they may achieve some good."

Another teacher said: "The whole exercise appears to ignore the fact that this school is already full to bursting. If as a result of this table the parents of 200 children demand they come here where would we put them; on the roof?"

Border checks may have to go

By MICHAEL DYNES

THE European Commission is threatening to withhold its blessing for Britain's demand to conduct minimal checks on people crossing its EC internal frontiers after December 31. Officials confirmed yesterday.

This would be a potentially serious setback to Britain's hopes of retaining streamlined border controls at its air and sea ports after the planned abolition of the EC's internal frontiers at the end of the year.

Consequently, while most EC countries seem content with the introduction of the open borders regime, Britain could find itself embroiled in a legal dispute with the European Commission over claims that it has failed to honour the

members of the Schengen free travel zone, who object to Britain retaining controls.

Home Office officials say that nothing in the act nor in the Maastricht treaty deprives Britain of its right to conduct checks. They insist that, while the components of the EC's new external frontier, including a common visa and asylum policy remain to be agreed, keeping some border controls is essential to fight drug trafficking, terrorism, and illegal immigration.

Commission officials now say, however, that frontier formalities must end in January under the act. The new hard line seems to have been inspired by the nine continental

MPs told to back pay freeze

By PHILIP WEBSTER
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

CONSERVATIVE MPs were told last night that they should vote next week to accept a freeze on their pay next year. Labour MPs are to be given a free vote.

The weekly meeting of the 1922 committee of Tory backbenchers was told that the government was imposing a two-line whip in a debate on Wednesday in which they will be asked to forgo next year's 3.9 per cent pay rise and to leave their £30,854 salary unchanged.

There was no immediate sign of revolt from Tory MPs last night, and no protests were raised at the meeting, but some of them are known to be unhappy that their salary link with the Civil Service is to be broken.

Labour MPs are divided. Many in the leadership believe that although the party is opposed to pay freezes and squeezes it must show solidarity with public-sector workers, who have had to accept a 1.5 per cent ceiling on pay next year. Others say that MPs should be given the right that civil servants have already received, and if necessary have their pay frozen later.

At last night's parliamentary Labour party meeting Margaret Beckett, the deputy leader, said that voting for the government's motion next week would be interpreted as backing its pay policy. Voting against would imply that MPs feel that they were more deserving than hard-pressed public servants. Both she and John Smith, the Labour leader, will abstain.

Tongue-tied over Tory sensitivities

MATTHEW PARRIS

POLITICAL SKETCH

Jeremy Corbyn (Lab, Islington, N) tackled the home secretary yesterday on training for interpreters. He was concerned for foreign asylum-seekers.

But if problems of communication were Corbyn's concern, why look further than the Chamber where he stood? Many MPs have difficulty with the English language. Take an answer I quoted last week from the Leader of the House to a backbencher who had asked about the provision in offices of a TV "feed" from debate. Was this possible? This was Mr Newton's response:

"The desirability of conclusions on the sort of proposals which my hon friend has in mind is something of which we are all very much aware."

Happily, a team of interpreters skilled beyond even Corbyn's hopes, is in attendance at Westminster. However outside the Chamber like a platoon of the St John Ambulance Brigade is a crack team ready to rush MPs' prose off on stretchers, place it in intensive care, and transform it for overnight publication.

A glance at column 622 of their report for November 9 reveals expert minor surgery on that sentence, repositioning its sinews with minimum intrusion. A neat scalpel-cut has extracted "... is something of which" and tossed it (alongside another scrap of redundant gobbledygook, "very much") into the bin. Then "we are all aware" has been delicately lifted from its location at the end of the sentence and placed at the beginning before "the desirability..." etc. Finally, a small sterilised preposition, "of", is inserted — and the prose is out of danger and as well as can be expected — given that it had nothing to convey.

Yesterday's questions to the home secretary yielded a new prose casualty in the shape of Mr Harry Greenway (C, Ealing N), and

an example to us all of plain speaking in the shape of Mr Tony Marlow (C, Northampton N).

Marlow ("Are these young people not pseudo-macho little gits who get a kick out of crime and need a judicial thrashing to give them a kick of another sort?") needs no interpreter. But Greenway, who begins lucidly, deteriorates after Paddington. I'm afraid I must print the unexpurgated truth. The "fainthearted should not read on..."

"No one supports excessive speeding, however will [he] explain why people travelling through west London pass through no fewer than six spy camera zones between Paddington and the Target roundabout in Northolt and another six on the way back? In view of the importance of spy camera zones, why are not speed signs much clearer, and why are they placed level with the camera zones where they are shown? Is it police policy to prosecute drivers who are a few miles per hour above the speed limit or not? Finally, will the policy be to ensure that there is a proper space for downward transition on the A40 from high to low speeds — say from 60 to 40 mph — rather than the few yards that are provided in some places at present?"

This is trickier for Hain. I said because the grammar is fine: it is the meaning that is awry. We sense that Mr Greenway is really trying to say: "lay off the motorists a bit, Ken," but a *Hansard* reporter who wrote that would be rash.

Tories are tough on immorality generally but a little sensitive on questions relating to dangerous driving, alcohol, adultery, sharp practice in the City and the tragedy of drug abuse by the children of upper-middle-class parents. Poor Greenway is caught between conflicting Tory sensitivities, and the agony swirls beneath the surface of his prose. He is rescued by incoherence. The more we intend his phraseology, the more his problem shows.

Pit unions take their fight to High Court

The National Union of Mineworkers and the Union of Democratic Mineworkers fought side by side in the High Court yesterday to save pits threatened with closure. The rival unions asked two judges to block the "illegal, irrational and unreasonable" closure programme proposed by British Coal and the government. Joined by the pit deputies' union Nacods, they were trying to overturn plans for the possible early closure of ten pits, arguing that the proper consultation procedures were not followed. The court's decision will also affect 21 other collieries which are undergoing a fuller review of closure proposals.

Mr Johnny Veedor QC, for the UDM and nine representative union members, said that modified review procedures introduced in 1985 had been ignored by British Coal and Michael Heseltine, president of the board of trade.

Hurd warns Libya

Libya faces a possible oil embargo over the Lockerbie airline bombing. Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said yesterday, as Tripoli again said that it was willing to hand over the two suspects for a "fair" trial. In an interview published in the London-based Arabic newspaper *al-Hayat*, Mr Hurd urged Libya to hand over the suspects to avoid new sanctions and to let the United Nations Security Council lift the air traffic, diplomatic and arms sanctions. "I wouldn't want oil sanctions, but they are not ruled out."

Extradition case delay

Extradition proceedings in Gibraltar against Roderick Newall, right, accused of murdering his parents, were held up yesterday by legal argument over the admissibility of a tape recording of his alleged confession. Mr Newall, 27, is wanted by police in Jersey, where his parents disappeared five years ago. Judge Pizzarello is expected to announce his decision on admissibility today.

Scots papers turmoil

Mirror Group journalists in Scotland yesterday demanded a statement from David Montgomery, the company's chief executive, after reports that a £115 million investment was in jeopardy. The call came as Sir Kenneth Alexander, 70, resigned as director of the Scottish *Daily Record* and *Sunday Mail* following the departure of two other directors.

Acupuncture passes test

Clinical trials have revealed that electro-acupuncture, in which an electric current is passed through needles, is effective in treating aches and pains. Tomorrow's *British Medical Journal* reports that patients receiving proper acupuncture treatment responded dramatically while a control group given sham treatment failed to improve.

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Judges allow doctors to let Hillsborough victim starve to death

By KATE ALDERSON

THE doctors caring for Tony Bland were told yesterday that it would be lawful to stop feeding him and let him die "peacefully with the greatest dignity and the least distress".

Sir Stephen Brown, president of the Family Division of the High Court, said that doctors could lawfully discontinue all treatment, including ventilation, nutrition, hydration and other medical treatment because there was "no reasonable possibility of Anthony Bland ever emerging from his existing persistent vegetative state. May his soul rest in peace".

Sir Stephen said: "He has no feeling, no awareness, nor

can he experience anything relating to his surroundings. To his parents and family he is 'dead'. His spirit has left him and all that remains is the shell of his body."

The ruling is the first in an English court which allows a doctor to withdraw food and water from patients whose higher brain functions have been destroyed, and so grant immunity from a homicide prosecution.

James Munby QC, a representative of the Official Solicitor appointed by the court to represent Anthony, said that he would immediately lodge a notice of appeal which will be

heard on November 30. Sir Stephen said he hoped the matter could be resolved "speedily" because "from now on the anguish of the family will be great".

Tony Bland, 21, was in the stands at Hillsborough football ground on April 15, 1989, and suffered a severe chest injury which led to brain damage. He has remained in a state of complete unawareness for more than three years, a condition known as persistent vegetative state.

"All the higher functions of Anthony Bland's brain have been destroyed," said Sir Stephen. "There is no hope whatsoever of recovery or improvement of any kind. That is the unanimous opinion of all the distinguished doctors who have examined Anthony Bland."

Since May 1989, Tony has been under the care of Dr James Howe, a consultant geriatrician at Airedale General Hospital, Keighley, West Yorkshire. Dr Howe told the court last week he would be the doctor to disconnect the feeding bottles when he and the family were ready.

Sir Stephen said it would take 10 to 14 days for Tony to die and the process would be that of starvation. "This would be unpleasant for those who had to observe it but Anthony Bland himself would be totally unaware of what was taking place."

The case clearly raises serious moral, medical and ethical issues. However, none of the facts relating to the circumstances and the condition of Anthony Bland are in dispute. The key to the diagnosis is that, on clinical observation over a prolonged period of time, there is no evidence of a working mind."

Unlike less severely brain damaged patients emerging from a coma, the vegetative patient fails to regain any cognitive behaviour that would indicate function in the cerebral cortex; the grey matter responsible for consciousness, thinking, feeling and responding in a meaningful way to stimuli.

Because the brain stem still functions in Tony Bland, he has a wide range of reflex activity, including breathing and blinking. His condition is different to that of someone who has suffered "brain death" because his brain stem is still functioning.

Sir Stephen said that the approval of the court should be sought in cases of a similar nature "as a safeguard and for the reassurance of the public".

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still function. He can breathe on his own and blinks, blinks and responds to loud noises. His eyes roam around his room, he grinds his teeth and sometimes moans.

But the thinking and feeling part of his brain has been destroyed. It cannot relay proper messages to his limbs and gradually he has curled up into a ball, his hands clenched into tight fists, his arms have stiffened across his chest, his feet are deformed and his legs not move. He has strayed from eight to five stones and is prone to constant infections.

For the past three and a half years, Mr and Mrs Bland and their immediate family have lived in a state of limbo, with little time for anything but work and visits to the hospital. If the appeal on November 30 by the Official Solicitor against Sir Stephen Brown's judgement is unsuccessful and their son is allowed to die, they may be able to start to live their own lives again.

Their routine has been monotonous and without hope. Every day they have gone to the private room in Airedale Hospital at Keighley, West Yorkshire, where their son lies in what doctors describe as a persistent vegetative state, attached to a feeding tube.

They talk to Tony, play his favourite tapes and turn on the television for every major football match. An illusion of a daily routine is created by moving Tony from his bed to a wheelchair, to his bath and back again. Nurses shave him and cut his hair.

Mr Bland looks awake because his reflex activities

Routine without hope: Allan and Barbara Bland

Parents hope decision will end their limbo

By JULIA LLEWELLYN SMITH

THE High Court's decision to allow Tony Bland to die may eventually lead to an end to the twilight existence he has led since the 1989 Hillsborough disaster.

His parents Allan and Barbara have visited him daily at their local hospital, at first hoping for some flicker of recognition and slowly realising that it would never come.

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Clear conscience: Dr Jim Howe says that court has made the right decision

Final days will be painless

By PAUL WILKINSON

TONY Bland would die within a fortnight of his treatment ceasing, his doctors said yesterday. His death would be painless and could be from a number of causes, said Dr Jim Howe, the consultant neurologist at Airedale General Hospital, West Yorkshire, where Mr Bland was transferred a month after the 1989 Hillsborough disaster.

Although feeding Mr Bland through a nasal tube would be stopped if the courts ultimately decided to allow it, he would not starve to death. Most likely would be kidney failure from dehydration, a heart attack or an infection. Twice in recent months Mr Bland has nearly died from infection but once the courts rule, his doctors

would not administer antibiotics, Dr Howe said.

He said he was relieved at the High Court decision and hoped it would be upheld on appeal.

"Essentially this young man died three and a half years ago at Hillsborough when his chest was crushed, his lungs punctured and his brain starved of oxygen."

Dr Howe said he agreed with the judge, who said that he was a passive prisoner of medical technology and his spirit had left him. "I'm quite clear in my mind and my conscience that this is the correct way to deal with it. The only change I have seen in this young man over the years has been for the worse," he said.

Dr Howe said that Mr Bland would not survive without trained medical care. "It is an affront to human dignity to keep someone alive like this," he said. Mr Bland would not suffer when treatment was withdrawn.

He said that courts in America, Canada, South Africa, New Zealand and Australia had already reached decisions similar to yesterday's.

"I believe it should be a medical decision not a legal one."

People, Dr Howe said, should not be shocked by this case because the decision had been taken with the benefit of public discussion and a court case.

"Those who are shocked

should come to see him. I

don't think they would be so shocked or insist he be kept alive at all costs."

TONY BLAND VERDICT 3

Landmark ruling sets standard for 1,000 families

The legal ruling that doctors may switch off Tony Bland's feeding system paves the way for allowing up to 1,000 similar patients to die if, as predicted, it is upheld by the Court of Appeal and House of Lords (Frances Gibb and Jeremy Laurence write).

the Protection of the Unborn Child, which called it a "tragic and retrograde step" that amounted to killing.

The cases of Mr Bland and Dr Cox hinge on fine distinction's between treatments. In the case of Mr Bland, the court had to decide whether artificial feeding was a form of medical treatment.

There is wide acceptance that withdrawing medical treatment, such as switching off a ventilator or stopping antibiotics in the event of infection, is "allowing nature to take its course". But some argue that, by stopping food and water, doctors would be making explicit their intention that the patient should die.

But there is a crucial difference between the cases. As Anthony Lester QC, in his impartial role as "friend of the court" said in the Bland hearing, the case was not one where "a doctor, nurse or relative has taken positive steps from compassionate motives, with the primary purpose of hastening the death of a patient suffering unbearably from a terminal illness". It was about whether, in the view of the doctors and the court, a treatment decision should be taken that would "remove the artificial support for life and allow nature to take its course so that death intervenes".

Sir Stephen said that it would not be the doctors who were bringing about death by the act of removing the tubes rather, death would be caused by the underlying brain injury.

Proposals on how to deal with other cases in line with the ruling have already been issued by the BMA. In a discussion paper published last week, it proposes that "intensive efforts" to stimulate patients in a persistent vegetative state should be made for at least six months and that no decision should be taken to withdraw treatment for at least a year.

The decision accords with the law in most American states, some countries in Europe and with Scotland, where prosecuting authorities have already indicated that they would not prosecute doctors who withdraw feeding tubes.

Doctors welcomed the clarification the ruling gives to the duties of medical staff caring for patients in a persistent vegetative state, such as Mr Bland, in the same way that Tuesday's judgment by the General Medical Council in the case of Dr Nigel Cox set the limits of what is permissible for doctors caring for the terminally ill.

The British Medical Association said that the judgment was "an attempt to clarify the legal position by indicating that artificial feeding is a medical treatment which can be withdrawn in the same way as artificial ventilation in the right circumstances".

Although welcomed by the professions, the ruling brought angry reactions from groups such as the Society for

the Protection of the Unborn Child, which called it a "tragic and retrograde step" that amounted to killing.

The case is set to be heard by the Court of Appeal on December 3.

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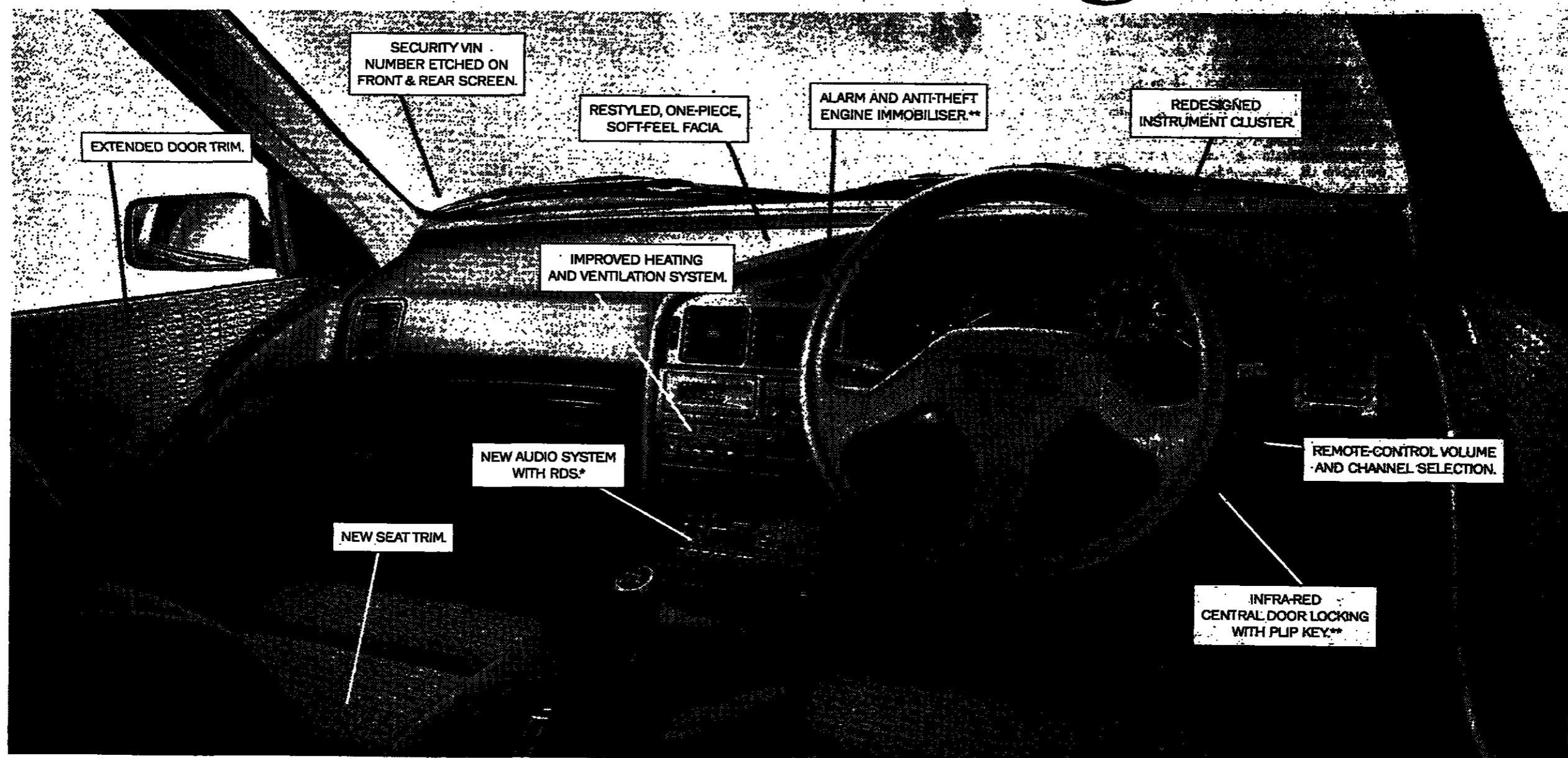
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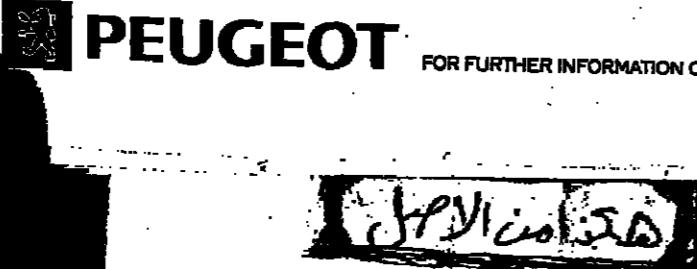
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Irish general election campaign

Embattled Reynolds claims change in poll fortunes

By EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Irish prime minister, whose popularity has plummeted since the general election campaign opened two weeks ago, claimed yesterday that the tide was turning in his favour.

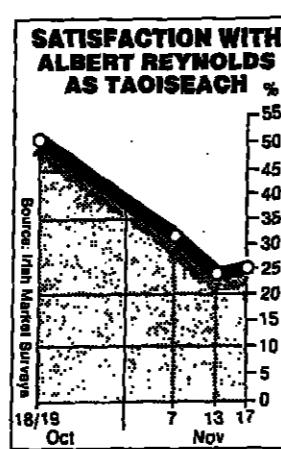
Albert Reynolds pointed to the latest opinion poll as evidence that his party, Fianna Fail, which had also heavily lost support, has turned the corner. He said that he was confident it would pick up more support before polling next Wednesday.

The poll by Irish Marketing Surveys, published in the *Irish Independent*, shows Fianna Fail at 42 per cent, 1 point up on last week, when it had fallen 6 points from its rating at the beginning of the three-week campaign.

Fine Gael remains unchanged at 24 per cent, as does Labour at 19 per cent, which was a big jump for that party from 15 per cent at the beginning of the campaign. The small Progressive Demo-

cats, who precipitated the election by pulling out of the coalition with Fianna Fail after Mr Reynolds accused their leader, Des O'Malley, of lying on oath to a court of inquiry, are on 5 per cent. That is 1 point down on the weekend and 2 down on its position at the start of the campaign.

The ratings of the party



leaders underlines the collapse of Mr Reynolds' popularity since the campaign began. His satisfaction rating is 25 per cent, 1 point up on the weekend but a long way down from the 60 per cent he enjoyed in September.

John Bruton, the Fine Gael leader, is at 31 per cent, Mr O'Malley at 34 per cent and Dick Spring, the Labour leader, stands high above them all at 67 per cent.

It is clear that Ireland is heading for another coalition government and almost certainly an unstable one. Barring a dramatic turnaround, Mr Reynolds has no chance of achieving an overall majority for Fianna Fail, an outcome on which he staked his leadership.

He is widely blamed for causing an unnecessary election, his use of undignified language in the row with the Democrats has not endeared him to many of his supporters and, in recent days, he has

started to wobble badly in interviews, apparently exhausted and poorly briefed. This week he inadvertently described Mr Bruton as John Unionist and referred to Charlie McCreevy, his minister for social welfare, as attempting to "dehumanise" the benefits system.

Mr Bruton and Fine Gael have failed to capitalise on the coalition's collapse, leaving the pivotal role to Labour, which stands to gain at least four seats up from 16, and whose leader Mr Spring is enjoying unparalleled popularity, reflecting his incisive performances as the *de facto* opposition leader in the last Dáil.

In a hung parliament, the most likely outcomes are either a coalition between Labour and Fianna Fail, for which Labour would demand a high price of at least four cabinet seats and possibly the replacement of Mr Reynolds, or a "rainbow coalition" of Labour, Fine Gael and the Progressive Democrats.

Mr Spring has possibly damaged his prospects and lent credence to Mr Reynolds' attempts to scare the electorate about the instability of what he has called a "lethal cocktail" coalition, by suggesting that the post of prime minister could be rotated.

Even so, the rainbow coalition is still the most popular choice among the voters, with 40 per cent preferring it in yesterday's poll, compared with 32 per cent who said they wanted a Fianna Fail majority administration.

It is clear that while all three parties have ambitious programmes to target unemployment, the most important issue in the election, there will be difficult negotiations ahead to harmonise strategy on this and on tax reform, reform of the social welfare system and other major policy areas.



Under the axe: the oaks that once made Dublin's finest buildings are now wanted by the furniture trade

Forest guardians await chainsaw's call

Through the windows of the old wooden caravan parked by the hedge on the side of the Timahoe to Shillelagh road, the majestic beauty of Tomnafinologue Wood looms large on the horizon. Hundreds of 250-year-old oaks look bronze under a wintry sky. Inside the 1950s mobile home, Sue Wardle talks of the "tranquillity and magnificence" of the trees that are within weeks of being felled. Beside her, Paddy O'Toole, a farmer who has led the fight to save the wood, says that in the end the ten-year battle may come down to a matter of physical force.

"We have someone watching all the time," he said, referring to the rota of volunteers watching and listening from the caravan for the first sign of chainsaws. "When it happens, we are going to muster our supporters and there will be confrontation, serious confrontation." Tomnafinologue Wood — the wood of the hooded crow — is regarded as the last great stand of oaks in Ireland. The trees planted in the early 18th century, nestle for half a mile along the valley of the river Derry in the southwest corner of Wicklow. Oaks grow at Tomnafinologue, on land formerly owned by the Fitzwilliam family near Coolattin, have been used for centuries in the construction of some of the finest buildings in Europe, including Westminster Hall, the Stad House in Amsterdam and a number of important buildings in Dublin.

The present owner, Michael Shanley, an Irish builder based in Luton, wants to fell acres of trees to cash in on their value to furniture-makers. Over the past ten years, his company Bridgefarm has already felled large areas of adjoining oak forest and he has permission from the energy department and the local council to begin on Tomnafinologue on December 4, when 323 trees are due to be felled.

Having exhausted all the

avenues of conservation and planning law, the campaign to save the wood, led by the National Trust for Ireland, the Irish Tree Society and the Irish Georgian Society, is now negotiating with Mr Shanley to buy the wood. The aim is to preserve the oaks, which could live for a further 600 years, and to manage them so that the stock renews itself. The area would be open to the public as part of the national heritage.

So far, the campaign has raised only about £15,000, but the organisers are hopeful that they will be able to come up with £200,000 to £300,000 required if they can reach a deal with Mr Shanley. But it is not clear whether he is interested in selling. In a recent interview, an associate suggested that the fellings would begin in a matter of days. Pat Tatten, a director of Bridgefarm, said that the company had planted 750,000 trees over the past ten years, including 200,000

oaks on the old Fitzwilliam estate. "We have been granted a felling licence," he told a Dublin newspaper. "The conservationists have to ask themselves would we have been granted [it] if the authorities were not happy with our efforts to replant the whole wood."

Mr O'Toole dismissed arguments which, he says, support asset-stripping a national treasure. There could be no defence for what amounted to clear-felling the oaks and replanting with trees that would take 200 years to reach the height of the present stock and which were being poorly maintained.

"For generations these oaks were managed and harvested, giving employment to maybe 50 people," he said. "That is entirely different to what these people are doing. No one in their right mind would object to the proper management and harvesting of the wood."

EDWARD GORMAN

Humans rush headlong into war with the world

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

HUMANITY is doomed unless it changes its ways fast, says a warning in an appeal signed by more than half the scientific world's Nobel Laureates.

"No more than one or a few decades remain before the chance to avert the threats we now confront will be lost and the prospects for humanity immeasurably diminished," the scientists say in a statement issued by the Washington-based Union of Concerned Scientists. The declaration is signed by 1,575 scientists, including 99 Nobel winners.

The four-page *World Scientists' Warning to Humanity* was co-

ordinated by Dr Henry Kendall, an American physicist who won the Nobel Prize two years ago and now chairs the "union", a group originally concerned with the dangers of nuclear war but now operating on a broader front. He described the consensus as "truly unprecedented". Among the signatories was Lord Zuckerman, a former chief scientific adviser to Downing Street.

The warning begins by declaring that human beings and the natural world are on a collision course. Ozone depletion, waste of water, poisoning of the oceans, damage to farmland, deforestation, loss of plant and animal species and population growth are the greatest dangers, it asserts. "The Earth

is finite. Its ability to absorb wastes and destructive effluent is finite. Its ability to provide food and energy is finite. Its ability to provide for growing numbers of people is finite.

"And we are fast approaching many of the Earth's limits. Current economic practices ... cannot be continued without the risk that global systems will be damaged beyond repair."

"Pressures from unrestrained population growth put demands on the natural world that can overwhelm any efforts to achieve a sustainable future," the statement says. Industrial civilisations are the worst polluters and should help the Third World where environmental damage is a grave threat. The group predicts conflicts over scarce resources and "mass migrations with incalculable consequences".

The scientists called for action in several areas to arrest the rush towards disaster: controlling activities that damage the environment, such as use of oil and coal, deforestation and poor farm practices; more efficient use of energy and water; stabilising the population; reducing and eventually eliminating poverty; equality for women; and reducing the threat of war.

Dr Kendall said: "We simply cannot continue on the course we're on. Nature won't allow it. We must all pay careful attention to the words of this distinguished group of scientists and act before it is too late."

Biography of Trollope wins prize

BY DANIEL JOHNSON
LITERARY EDITOR

VICTORIA Glendinning, a regular book reviewer for *The Times*, yesterday won a £2,000 Whitbread Award for her life of Trollope. Her prize, for the best biographical work, comes in the same year that she chaired the Booker Prize judges.

She told an invited audience at the award ceremony in London: "I am pleased for Trollope, because more people will read him; and I am pleased for myself, because I did work very hard."

One of the judges, Baroness James, said that *Trollope*, published by Hutchinson, had an excellent chance of being voted Book of the Year on January 26.

As the first important Trollope biography by a woman, it explores his treatment of the other sex more fully than ever before. "As readable ... as a good novel," Caroline Moore wrote in *The Times*.

The £20,500 Whitbread Book of the Year is one of the biggest events in the publishers' calendar and is chosen from among the five winners of the Whitbread Awards.

Alasdair Gray's *Poor Things* (Bloomsbury) won the novel award and Jeff Torrington's *Swing Hammer Swing!* (Secker & Warburg) won the first novel award.

Gillian Cross won the children's novel with *The Great Elephant Chase* (OUP), for which she also won the £8,000 Smarties Prize for children's fiction, which was announced on Wednesday. The poetry award was won by Tony Harrison's *The Gaze of the Gorgon* (Bloodaxe).

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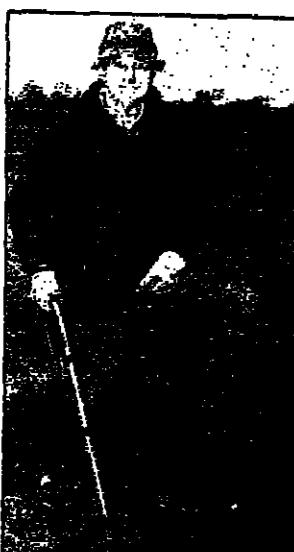
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Experts reveal full glory of treasure found in field

BY NICK NUTTALL
AND NORMAN HAMMOND

GOLD and silver objects found in a Suffolk field by a retired gardener with a metal detector have been described by archaeologists as one of the most spectacular Roman treasure hoards ever uncovered.

Full details emerged yesterday of what Eric Lawes, 69, found in the newly ploughed



Searching: Eric Lawes with his metal detector

New laws may curb detectors

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

WHILE Eric Lawes, the retired gardener and metal detecting enthusiast, contemplates his hoped-for windfall, archaeologists have drafted a parliamentary bill that would significantly restrict one of Britain's fastest growing hobbies.

The Surrey Archaeological Society in Guildford, angry over several incidents where ancient sites have been turned into moonscapes and police officers attacked by people armed with metal detectors, has drafted the bill which would make a new law of trespass with a metal detector similar to trespass with a shotgun.

David Graham, of the society, said the bill, which has secured the support of a peer, an MP and the Home Office, is expected to be introduced

■ A tenant farmer and a pensioner with a metal detector are likely to collect millions of pounds after finding Roman coins and jewellery lost 1,600 years ago

field at Hoxne while he was searching for tools lost by his friend Peter Whitting, a tenant farmer. Inside the remains of a rotted box, archaeologists discovered two silver figurines of a human bust and a tigeress, as well as two small silver containers.

Several handfuls of silver spoons and decorated small strainers, some with Latin words and the Christian Chi Rho symbol inscribed on them, were also discovered.

In the centre and towards the top of the box were pieces of gold jewellery including necklaces, bracelets and two rings. Alongside these a silver bowl was found. Thousands of silver and gold coins, which may have once been in a cloth bag, were littered among the other items.

Mr Lawes' metal detector picked up a single silver coin which led to the discovery of other items just below the surface and a call to Suffolk County Council. Judith Plourde, the council's Roman specialist, who supervised the

subsequent dig, said the find was "priceless in terms of the knowledge it will give us". It was the most spectacular find in Suffolk since the Mildenhall treasure, a large ornamental silver dinner service unearthed during the second world war.

Archaeologists praised Mr Lawes, a pensioner from Diss, and Mr Whitting, 41, for reporting their discovery so promptly. There were suggestions yesterday that the collection could be worth as much as £10 million.

But that figure was dismissed by the British Museum as "pure speculation". A spokesman said: "It is not as big as Mildenhall in terms of size, but it is very unusual. Its importance lies in the fact that it may be Byzantine in design and such styles have never been seen before in Roman Britain."

A full analysis is to be undertaken by museum experts after the items have been thoroughly cleaned, photographed and catalogued by

Dr Timothy Potter and Dr Catherine Johns, specialists in Roman Britain. They were involved in the assessment of the Thetford Treasure, the last great Roman discovery made in East Anglia, 20 miles from Mr Whitting's farm.

That was too a buried hoard of gold and silver, believed to have been the ritual plate of a temple. Found with a metal detector, it was concealed by the finder and only a third of the potential reward was eventually paid.

Because they contacted the authorities immediately, Mr Whitting and Mr Lawes will receive the full value of their discovery if it is declared treasure trove.

Archaeologists said yesterday that the items appear to have been hidden by a wealthy family during civil unrest at the end of the Roman rule in Britain. However, it could instead be a temple's accumulated treasure.

Mr Whitting said: "Up to now I've only ploughed about 11 in down, but this year I went a bit deeper. The old plough must have scraped over the top stones of times but this time it just nicked it and two coins came up."

Mr Lawes said: "First I found one silver coin, then a second and then I went down and struck gold. I decided to stop when I filled two carrier bags and put them in the car. There must have been a hundredweight of coins and treasure still in the ground."

It was impossible to describe my feelings when I started finding handfuls of coins, necklaces and spoons. It's everybody's dream, isn't it, to find buried treasure?"

Mr Lawes drove back to the farmhouse at lunchtime and said he had found something. Mr Whitting said: "I was out but he told the wife he had found a few coins and some battered-up spoons."

"He came back after lunch and I had a look. When I saw the stuff in the boot of the car it was as though it had all just been made yesterday. It was so clean. There was a necklace, just sparkling. When I realised what it was, my hands started to tremble."

Roy Clark, an assistant county land agent, said yesterday: "You could see gold glistening in the earth and the deeper they dug, the more they uncovered."



Golden strings: the impresario Harold Fielding with the 1742 Lorenzo Guadagnini violin he sold at Phillips in Bond Street yesterday. Bought by his mother in 1933, it fetched £198,000 against an estimate of £120,000

Millions of savers miss tax refund

BY PAUL WILKINSON

SIX million people in Britain have not claimed tax refunds to which they are entitled, according to the Inland Revenue, which is closing all but five of 24 offices set up across the country to handle an avalanche of claims that never arrived.

Refunds totalling £400 million became due two years ago after the law relating to tax paid on interest earned by bank and building

society accounts changed. Only 25 per cent of the eight million eligible account holders — non-taxpayers such as the elderly, the unemployed and children — have come forward.

A revenue spokesman said the response had been disappointing: "Some people think it's like taking money from charity. It must be more difficult than we thought for people to understand that we are giving money out. People are obviously still frightened of the Inland Revenue."

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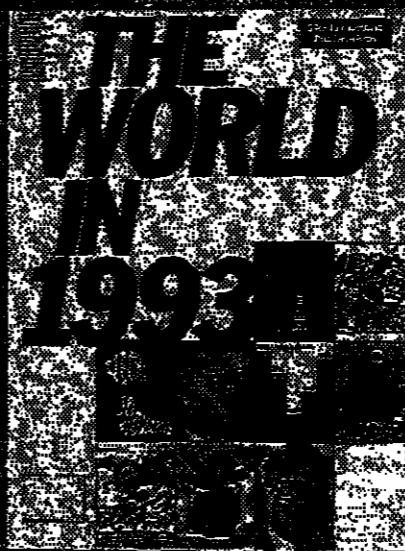
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Portillo urges firms to follow government lead on pay restraint

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND JONATHAN PRYNN

THE Treasury maintained its buoyant mood yesterday in looking beyond the recession and planning to restore Britain's competitiveness. The upbeat spirit shown by the Chancellor on Wednesday was reinforced yesterday by Michael Portillo, the chief secretary to the Treasury, as he reiterated plans to boost the economy.

Economic fundamentals were now promising, he said, emphasising that recent cuts in the rates of interest and inflation and the current exchange rates had already made British industry more competitive.

Opening the second day of debate on last week's Autumn Statement, Mr Portillo warned the private sector not to repeat past mistakes by allowing high pay to ruin its competitiveness. As Mr Portillo looked beyond the recession, however, he was sharply criticised by Harriet Harman, the shadow chief Treasury secretary, for standing by "while the menace of unemployment and recession stalked in and engulfed every region of this country".

Mr Portillo repeated his message to industry that he expected it to follow the government's lead in reining back pay increases below the rate of inflation. He insisted, in the

wake of the 1.5 per cent ceiling placed on public sector pay, that the government would not dictate settlements to the private sector through an incomes policy. "It is up to individual employers to decide what they can afford to pay. But what everyone knows is that the lower the growth in wage costs in general, the better will be the UK's competitive position."

He warned the private sector that labour costs were growing faster than in some competitor countries, and added that "more progress may be required if the UK is to succeed in the world of the 1990s". Mr Portillo, who has Treasury responsibility for public spending, urged MPs to help to set an example on wage rises by agreeing to the pay freeze recommended by the government. "We cannot ... call for the protection of capital spending and the preservation of benefits, unless we are also willing ourselves to share in the sacrifice."

A prime objective for the government had to be to

reduce its spending and borrowing. Spending "could eventually smother the private sector", and he said that a careful eye needed to be kept on the proportion of national income absorbed by public spending.

Although accepting the need for higher public spending during recession, Mr Portillo said: "As growth returns, we need to be sure that its fruits are not simply gobble up by an uncontrolled expansion of the state." The recession must not be an excuse for public spending to "let rip" or for temporary increases in spending to become permanent.

In reply, Harriet Harman, giving her first important Commons speech as shadow chief secretary, attacked Mr Portillo for the "extraordinary absence of any reference in his speech to unemployment on a day that saw the announcement of a further 10,000 job losses."

She said the package of measures announced in the Autumn Statement would not reverse the rising tide of joblessness. "It is a mix of measures the government does not believe in, and even on its own predictions will not add up to an end to the recession," she said. She mocked government claims that global economic downturn was responsible for the UK recession. "Our recession started earliest and has lasted longest," she said.

The government had failed to provide a programme for recovery in any of the main areas of the economy. For example, instead of an industrial policy the government was offering £400 off the price of a new car. "The government has begun to talk about growth but has no real expectation of growth; it has started to talk about investment, but has no strategy for investment," she said.

She rejected the argument that return of consumer confidence would alone bring about recovery. The government would not end the recession by waiting for people to go out shopping, as they were still burdened by personal debt. She was particularly critical of the Autumn Statement announcement that local authorities would be able to spend future capital receipts on new housing up to December next year.

She also attacked the 1.5 per cent public sector pay limit. It was not public sector pay that caused the recession, and cutting the real wages of public sector staff would not bring the recession to an end. She contrasted the policy with the decision to lift stamp duty on share transactions at a cost to the taxpayer of £1.5 billion over the next two years. "People will not think it fair to take money out of the pay packets of nurses but put it back into the wallets of those dealing in shares," she said.

Blair: pressing for reforms in party

THE Labour party must change itself if it is to make the case for change in the country, according to Tony Blair, the shadow home secretary, who was elected to the party's national executive two months ago.

He pressed the case for far-reaching changes in the party's policies and organisation in a recent speech to the Young Fabians. His remarks underline the determination of leading reformers in the party to press ahead with internal changes and not to rest on Labour's big lead in the polls.

Mr Blair argued that, for the Opposition to win, not only must the incumbent party fail but Labour, the challenger, must articulate and lead the case for change in a convincing way. The victory of Bill Clinton in the American presidential election, he said, proved that this could be done, not that it was inevitable.

Difficulties had arisen with market theology and a different approach was now needed based on community action to further public good. This should incorporate the market economy, while avoiding a centralised state and the vested interests of the public sector.

Rather than putting forward a mass of policy detail, Labour should identify symbolic signposts to its philosophy.

These should include a commitment to internationalism, notably in the EC and to prevent nuclear proliferation; partnership of government and industry; an emphasis on enhancing the value of labour to exploit the possibilities of capital via education and training; escaping poverty by not treating welfare dependency as inevitable; providing the maximum possible public services, not the minimum permissible; and a new relationship between individuals and the state via constitutional changes.

Updating the party's approach should be matched by changes in organisation by expanding membership and basing decisions on one member, one vote.

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Time for action: two workers from Devonport Dockyard join a lobby of Parliament yesterday. The government is expected to decide before Christmas whether Devonport, in Plymouth, or Rosyth in Scotland will win future nuclear submarine refitting work

Howard seeks smooth switch to council tax

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MINISTERS are hoping that a promise that even the wealthiest households will not pay more than £5 a week extra under the council tax will dispel Tory backbench anxieties over next April's upheaval in local taxation.

Michael Howard, the environment secretary, is expected to give the pledge next Thursday when he outlines the transitional relief scheme designed to smooth the changeover from poll tax to council tax.

Mr Howard has won an extra £1.2 billion from the Treasury in grants for local government, about £350 million of which has been earmarked for the scheme limiting losses for those hit by the return to a tax based on property values. This is much less than the £2 billion he wanted for the relief scheme, and some Tory MPs are likely to be disappointed that their constituents are not being more generously cushioned.

They have been dismayed by reports that some 70 per cent of households in the Tory heartlands of London and the South-East will be losers from the abolition of the poll tax.

In a sign of the political sensitivity of the announcement, Mr Howard and John Redwood, the local government minister, have embarked on a "charming offensive" among Tory MPs. Attempts are being made to reassure them that the council tax will

not mean a repeat of the poll tax fiasco. Cabinet ministers admitted yesterday that the changeover would be one of the main political hurdles of the coming months, but they expect the uproar to subside by 1994.

Mr Howard will announce a sliding scale of relief linked to eight bands of property values. Potential losses will be lowest for people living in the cheapest Band A properties and highest for those at the top of the spectrum. He will also announce a further tightening of capping powers.

Two-thirds of properties in England fall into bands A-C covering houses worth up to £68,000. The most their owners will ask to pay in extra bills will be £2 a week, with households in Bands A and B subject to a lower limit. Many people in such homes, especially in the North and the Midlands, will gain from the scrapping of the poll tax. Maximum permitted increases for Bands D-H will range from £2 to £5 a week.

Kaufman backs press reform

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A TEAM of MPs is considering ways of protecting private citizens from press intrusion after citing a catalogue of cases where public figures and more humble individuals had suffered. The investigation into privacy and media intrusion by the Commons' national heritage committee, chaired by Gerald Kaufman, is running parallel to the review by Sir David Calcutt.

After questioning top lawyers yesterday, Mr Kaufman supported the extension of legal aid for libel and called for better safeguards for private citizens.

At the hearing the cross-party committee disputed where to draw the line between public figures and private individuals. Some MPs plainly disagreed with Desmond Browne QC, a member of the Bar Council's privacy working party, when he said press behaviour had improved since newspapers were told by Sir David two years ago to put their house in order. The figures for outstanding High Court actions for libel, malicious falsehoods and breaches

of confidentiality for one newspaper had fallen since the original Calcutt report from 25 to four.

Joe Ashton, Labour MP for Bassefaw, talked of a case "of a man who didn't have his glasses on in the bathroom and picked up the superglue instead of the anal cream ... and glued his buttocks together. This man was made a laughing stock," he said.

Mr Browne replied that if

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member's motion on relations with Libya and Iraq.

The main business in the Lords is expected to be:

Monday: Debate on Labour motion on Iraq exports.

Tuesday: Debate on European Community budget.

Wednesday: Foreign compensation (amendment) bill, committee, Agriculture bill, second reading.

Tuesday: Sea fish (conservation) bill, report.

Wednesday: Debate on unemployment.

Thursday: Hereditary peers bill, second reading.

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French denounce UK as hopes rise for oilseed deal

■ Paris, sensing an imminent Gatt agreement, is accusing Britain of selling out the French to save the record of its EC presidency

FROM CHARLES BRENNER IN PARIS AND MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

TOP American and European Community negotiators yesterday entered a second day of talks in Washington, with both sides increasingly hopeful of reaching an agreement on EC oilseed subsidies before day's end in the hope of averting a serious transatlantic trade war.

But as agreement came closer, the French government denounced Britain and displayed its increasing desperation over a dilemma which President Mitterrand says is one of the toughest he has faced in four decades of public office.

Adding to the pressure, both opposition parties and the government's own Socialists called on M. Mitterrand to veto any Community agreement which involved concessions to America. At the same time, FNSEA, the mainstream farmers' association, promised an all-out campaign of reprisals against American products throughout France and Europe if the government gives in.

The violent demonstration round the US embassy in Paris on Wednesday was just a tiny taste of what Europe could expect, farmers said. FNSEA and more militant groups have a record of making good their threats and getting away with violent civil disobedience unpunished.

Ramming home government resistance to any agreement under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Jean-Pierre Soisson, the agriculture minister, blamed Britain for trying to force an accord to save its reputation. "On agriculture,

the British presidency [of the EC] is ending in failure," he said. "For domestic political reasons, they would like a Gatt accord presented at the Edinburgh summit to save their presidency."

He singled out John Gummer, the agriculture minister, as the only one of his European colleagues at a Brussels meeting on Monday to have failed to state the need to stand up to American pressure. "The British were not very 'fair play,'" he added.

In a day of media appearances aimed at demonstrating government hostility to any agreement on the current terms, M. Soisson said France would immediately demand new negotiations if a deal was reached, but he declined to say whether it would apply its veto.

He acknowledged, however, that President Mitterrand had told an emergency cabinet meeting that, while France could not "kneel before the United States", it could not

win in the end by going it alone.

In Washington yesterday Ray MacSharry, the European farm commissioner, said three hours of talks with the Americans on Wednesday night had produced a "narrowing of differences" on the oilseed row. Frans Andriessen, the EC trade commissioner, was more forthright, saying that there was "a serious chance of making a deal today". An EC official said the Americans had presented a reworked proposal which the two sides were studying in detail.

US officials, who have more

than once seen the talks break

down when a deal seemed

imminent, were slightly more

circumspect. Carla Hills, the US trade representative, agreed that the negotiators had made "very good progress" on Wednesday night, but gave a warning that there were still many outstanding issues to be resolved.

Europe has until December 5 to resolve the oilseed dispute before Washington imposes punitive tariffs of 200 per cent on an initial \$300 million (£196 million) worth of EC products, and on at least another \$700 million worth thereafter.

Whether or not the oilseed dispute is resolved, John Major, an EC president, will come to Washington with Jacques Delors, the European Commission president, shortly before Christmas to meet President Bush for the bi-annual EC-US summit. The trip will give Mr Major his first opportunity to meet Bill Clinton, the president-elect.

He gave no details of submarine classes or present production levels. The latest *Military Balance*, published

Soisson: British have 'not showed fair play'



Moment of truth: President Yeltsin handing the cockpit voice and flight data records of KAL 007, the Korean airliner shot down by Soviet jets in 1983, to President Roh Tae Woo of South Korea yesterday. Mr Yeltsin said: "I originally planned to send the

black box and related materials to Seoul by a Moscow leader (Michael Breen in Seoul writes). After the presentation, Mr Roh said: "This shows sincerity building up between the two countries." Korean officials hope the box will reveal why KAL 007 strayed off course over Soviet installations.

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Russia phases out war submarines

BY MICHAEL BINION, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

RUSSIA may stop building military submarines within the next three years, President Yeltsin announced yesterday in South Korea. He told the national assembly that Russia was already halving its production of new submarines and in two or three years would stop making submarines for military purposes.

He gave no details of submarine classes or present production levels. The latest *Military Balance*, published

by the International Institute for Strategic Studies, says Russia has 250 submarines, of which 55 are strategic, carrying ballistic missiles, and 183 are "hunter-killers" largely used for tracking other submarines.

Mr Yeltsin said that Russia was keen on taking steps in the Far East to reduce tension, and planned big cuts in its military potential. It had already significantly reduced the strength of its Pacific fleet, the largest of the four fleets maintained by the former Soviet Union.

Analysts in London said Russia was already reducing its submarine fleet as swiftly as possible, largely because it had

no need for such a large fleet, and also because many of the ageing ships had to be scrapped. Russia has reduced its submarine fleet by at least 40 over the past year, and could not break up any more vessels because of constraints in the safe disposal of nuclear components.

The Russians are thought to be still building three classes of hunter-killer submarines: the conventional Kilo class — the same as the ships sold to Iran — and the nuclear-powered Sierra and Akula classes. Only two conventional ships were commissioned last year. About eight Oscar-class vessels have been built since the huge ship was detected by the West a

decade ago; any continuing production is seen as the result of inertia. The Start-2 agreement commits Russia to reductions in strategic submarines, and Moscow has probably now halted production of the huge Typhoon-class ships. Russia is reported to be ready to sell some submarines based in Ukraine to China, two vessels from the North Sea fleet to India and others to the Far East which may be broken up for scrap.

Last night Whitehall officials said they were assessing the importance of Mr Yeltsin's remarks, which seemed to take Andrei Kozyre, his foreign minister, and other Russian officials by surprise.

Yeltsin keeps Moscow guessing on plans to shackle parliament

FROM ANNE McELVOY IN MOSCOW

IN THE plush coffee bar of Moscow's White House, home to the fractious parliament, the deputies huddled over their subsidised cupcakes with unusually grim intensity. "He wouldn't dare," said one. "The stakes are too high," ventured another. "Just watch him," added a third.

The subject was the rumour of a state of emergency, fuelled by the declaration from a well-connected deputy that Boris Yeltsin plans to dissolve parliament forcibly next Tuesday and assume special powers. With just over a week before the Congress of People's Deputies meets, Moscow is in the grip of feverish intrigue with all eyes on Mr Yeltsin waiting to see

how he will head off the challenge to his government and reform programme posed by the Civic Union's confident opposition.

He has two broad options: he can enter a pact with the Union which has united the powerful industrial leaders under the banner of a slower reform plan, or risk clamping down before the Congress by extending his powers of decree, dissolving parliament with military backing and calling for a referendum to change the constitution and dissolve Congress for good.

Mr Yeltsin would dearly love to get rid of this "super-parliament", which is a disruptive hangover from Soviet days.

Parliament yesterday re-

sponded to rumours that the dissolution option was being considered by saying that attempts to disband Congress or the parliament by referendum were illegal. Mr Yeltsin's supporters in the Democratic Russia movement announced that they would start collecting signatures for such a plebiscite at the weekend.

Politics this winter are being conducted by turns in unattributable whispers and rhetorical roars with a straight answer as hard to find as citrus fruit in a state shop. Speaking to industrial managers last weekend, Mr Yeltsin summarised the main issue: "Emotions are plentiful, facts few and constructive proposals scarce of all."



Denktas: blamed for the stalemate

UK presses to renew Cyprus talks

BY MICHAEL BINION

AFTER talks in London between George Iacovou, the Cypriot foreign minister, and Tristan Garel-Jones, the Foreign Office minister for Europe, Britain expressed strong disappointment at the failure of the latest Cyprus talks, and blamed Rauf Denktas, the Turkish Cypriot leader, for the breakdown.

The two discussed prospects for the reconvening of the United Nations talks next March, and Mr Iacovou urged Britain to put pressure on the Turkish Cypriots to accept the UN plan as the basis for further discussion.

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Stockholm: Sweden allowed its embattled krona to float against other currencies yesterday, abandoning a fight that it said could lead only to higher interest rates.

The Central Bank said its decision to stop defending the krona's fixed exchange rate followed "substantial speculation against the crown". It said that yesterday morning's raising of the marginal lending rate had not been enough to stabilise the crown.

Carl Bildt, the prime minister, said the government had done everything possible to defend the krona's fixed exchange rate, and had a clear conscience. "The speculative forces proved just too strong," he said. (Reuters)

Danish cabinet is reshuffled

Copenhagen: Poul Schlüter, prime minister of Denmark, reshuffled his centre-right coalition cabinet after the resignation of Anders Fogh Rasmussen, his economy and taxation minister, over a budget scandal.

Peter Brøtofte, former Liberal party political spokesman, was appointed taxation minister, and the economy portfolio was transferred to Thor Pedersen, minister of the interior and Nordic affairs. (Reuters)

Leader sacked

Khujand: Akbarsho Iskandarov, president of Tajikistan, has been sacked by parliament and replaced by Imamali Rahmonov from the pro-communist south. The move seems likely to increase tension between Islamic militants and the communists. (Reuters)

Plea rejected

Berlin: Erich Honecker's lawyers unsuccessfully appealed for his trial to be halted because of his short life expectancy due to advanced liver cancer. The former communist leader of East Germany was found not to be in imminent danger of death. (AFP)

Berlin protests

Berlin: Berlin has sharply protested against plans for a permanent exhibition of Adolf Hitler's paintings at the Uffizi Museum in Florence. One senator described it as "an intolerable provocation to good taste and to all victims of fascism". (Reuters)

Oslo chooses

Oslo: The Norwegian Storting (parliament), following the lead of Finland and Sweden, its Nordic partners, was expected last night to vote to apply for EC membership. MPs were being allowed a free vote.

Tongue tied

Tokyo: Nippon Syntex KK, a pharmaceutical firm based here, has banned the use of Japanese at its immunology research centre and made English its official language so that visiting overseas chemists will feel at home, a spokesman said. (Reuters)

YOU DON'T HAVE TO SPECULATE ACCUMULATING

Besieged town cheers arrival of UN relief under British guard

By OUR FOREIGN STAFF

BRITISH troops yesterday escorted the first UN relief supplies to reach the Muslim town of Tuzla in north Bosnia since it was besieged by Serbs forces seven months ago.

The UN convoy, led by Scimitar light tanks, drove to Tuzla under Serb guns over a winding and muddy road through snow-covered mountains. Local people clapped and cheered as the convoy of British army trucks rolled into the town, where up to 200,000 people are trapped.

"I'm very pleased," said Major Jamie Sage, who commanded the convoy during the dangerous last 30-mile stretch of its route from the British forward base at

Kladanj. "But we still have to get back and we have to do it again tomorrow. For about six miles, we were in range of direct fire from anti-aircraft guns, machine-guns and at least two tanks that we know of."

Four Scimitars shepherded the nine trucks, loaded with food and rolls of polythene to weatherproof the damaged homes.

The British will spend five days shuttling between Kladanj and Tuzla with as much food as possible to sustain the population during the winter. The British troops, part of the 6,500-strong UN Protection Force (Unprofor) in Bosnia, have been charged with escorting aid convoys in

Red Cross keeps friends in touch

FROM TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

WITH telephone lines cut and front lines crisscrossing former Yugoslavia, the message service of the International Committee of the Red Cross has become a lifeline for hundreds of thousands.

Throughout the war in Croatia the ICRC distributed 30,000 messages between families and friends divided by the conflict. But since the war began in Bosnia-Herzegovina the number of messages transmitted has risen exponentially. In the past 14 weeks 230,000 have been sent, and in 90 per cent of cases the addressee has been found. All messages are read in case someone has tried to slip in military information.

"Even in my worst dreams I never imagined I would be doing this," Olga Lazarevic, an ICRC worker, said. "But these are not just pieces of paper. There are whole families here, from all sides and all are suffering." Sava, now in Serbia, writes to his wife Zora and their son in Croat-controlled western Herzegovina: "I am missing you. I hope you can come here. I don't know what to say. Only 'I love you.'" Nataca Milinac, who processes hundreds of messages a week, said: "He does not know that she is in a camp." When she typed Zora's name in her computer yesterday it indicated that she was being held in a Croat detention camp. Most messages reaching Belgrade now are from Serbs, many of whom are being sheltered by their "own" army in Sarajevo. As Muslims and Croats have

fled towards Croatia, the ICRC's Zagreb office has handled most of their messages.

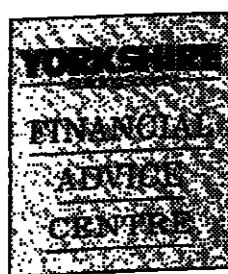
From Croat-held Mostar a family writes: "We're still in our flat but the balcony was blown off by a shell so that it is damaged. The windows are broken but we have put up plastic sheeting." Increasingly the messages from Sarajevo deal with the extortionate price of food. "A kilo of beans costs £10," writes one woman. Another pleads: "Send flour, bacon — whatever possible."

Some people have not lost their sense of humour. One man's three-line message reads: "In order not to burden the messengers — regards to all, the rest is either a novel or nothing."



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NEWS IN BRIEF

Old-style cabinet for Romania

Bucharest: Fears that Romania is returning to old-style conservatism were confirmed yesterday when the make-up of the new government was announced (Sean Hillen writes).

Among the 22-member cabinet are several members of Nicolae Ceausescu's state planning committee, including the new prime minister, Nicolae Vacaroiu. The new minister of health is Julian Miricu, a dietician, who treated the deposed dictator for diabetes and spearheaded a national campaign of vegetables when there was no meat.

Women curbed

Khartoum: Sudan's Muslim fundamentalist government has issued new decrees banning women from working in markets and other public places after 5pm. All shops have been ordered to close down for two hours for Friday noon prayers (AP).

Kurds relieved

Habur, Turkey: More than 700 lorries loaded with winter relief supplies and fuel for the Iraqi Kurds have rolled into the north of the country from Turkey since Kurdish separatists lifted an embargo on the region (AP).

Railway death

Tokyo: A Japanese Bullet train killed a man who ran into its path, the first death since the high-speed rail service started up 28 years ago. The train driver applied the brake but could not stop in time. Police said the man committed suicide (AP).



Harbinger of change: President Walesa says Poland's new emphasis on industrial efficiency and performance means that unemployment will rise

Walesa talks of hardship ahead

Poland needs more rapid integration into the European Community, its president tells Eve-Ann Prentice

PRESIDENT Walesa of Poland appealed yesterday for the country's faster integration into the European Community, and attacked Britain for not understanding its problems.

"In the United Kingdom you drive on the left. Everyone else drives on the right, and you don't have the courage to shift. What is happening in Poland has a thousand times more consequences than anything you face," he told *The Times*.

Mr Walesa expressed irritation over the EC's reluctance to allow Poland to join the Community. Warsaw has an association agreement with Brussels, but the EC has indicated that Poland will not be able to become a full member for at least ten years.

The president said Polish fears of the German far right reinforced the need for European unity. There were "demons at work" in post-unification Germany, he said. "In Germany, old fears are awakening because the old system has collapsed and a new one has not fully emerged yet."

Mr Walesa said he opposed a referendum on the strict abortion law being prepared by Poland's parliament. A parliamentary commission has called for two

year jail terms for doctors carrying out the operation, and the bill would overturn 42 years of liberal abortion laws. The draft abortion law has the backing of the powerful Roman Catholic Church in Poland. A referendum is being sought by 120 deputies, and they are supported by prominent intellectuals.

Mr Walesa said: "I am in favour of all sorts of referendums... But I'm against this where private conscience is involved. We cannot enforce conscience by law and, as a practising Catholic, I am against abortion."

Mr Walesa also indicated that unemployment was set to rise as Poland continues its drive towards privatisation. He admitted that a third of Poles were worse off now than three years ago. His message for the nearly two-and-a-half million unemployed was gloomy. "The philosophy of the past was to give everyone employment. Now we are talking about performance and efficiency. Many huge factories are oversized and many workplaces are not situated in the right place or manufacturing what they should. Our nation is educated and everyone is used to being employed. But we will have to close down many workplaces."

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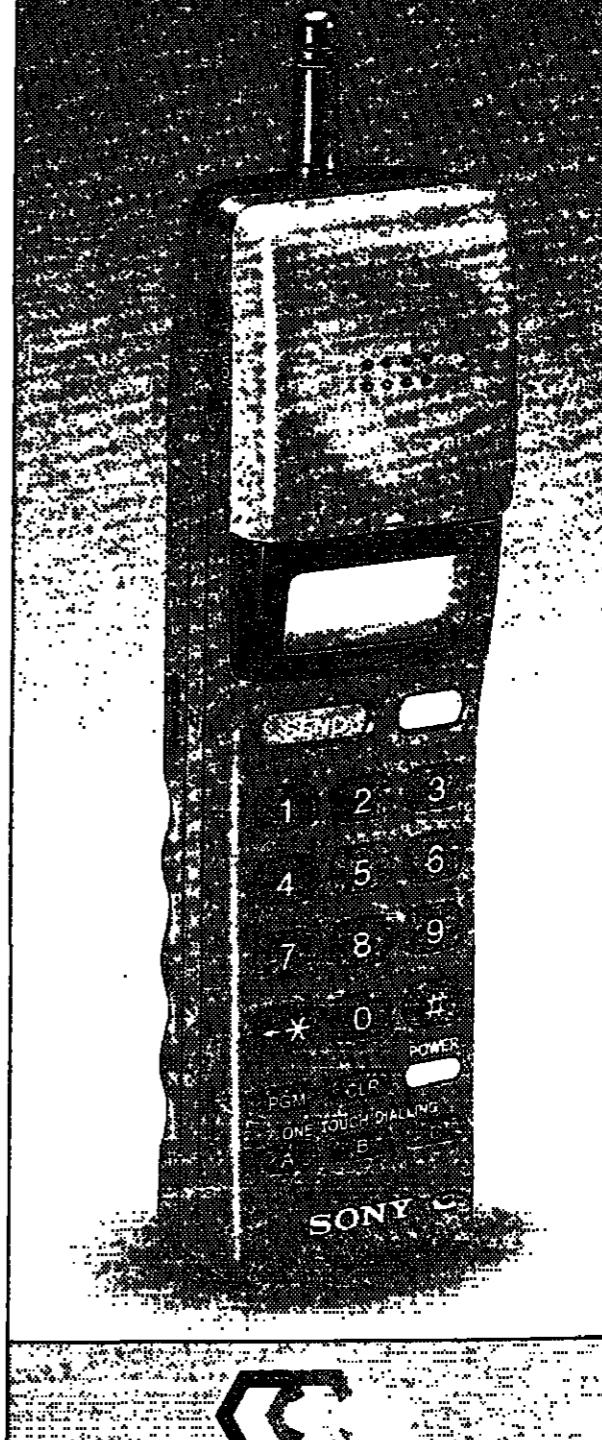
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Hong Kong defies China as airport plan goes ahead

By CATHERINE SAMPSON
IN PEKING AND
DAVID WATTS IN LONDON

HONG KONG yesterday launched the first key construction stage of its airport in spite of lack of full agreement with Peking on the £13.5 billion project.

Government officials in Hong Kong emphasised that the decision to seek £820 million from the Legislative Council to fund the first land reclamation contract was not an attempt to go it alone on the project. There is still no agreement between the British and Chinese governments on the overall funding of the airport which, the Chinese complain, will leave the colony in debt after its reversion to the mainland in 1997.

The Hong Kong government has made sure that the new contract will not involve any borrowings to which the Chinese can object. "We still regard as a top priority the reaching of an agreement with China on sensible financing for the project," Hamish MacLeod, the Hong Kong financial secretary, was quoted as saying. "This is not a go-it-alone. We have been very careful to choose the least confrontational way of proceeding."

As he spoke, Peking accused the foreign press of misquoting Zhu Rongji, the deputy prime minister, when he seemed to threaten in London earlier this week that China

■ Chris Patten's disagreements with Peking show no sign of abating. The colony is pressing on regardless with its plans for the construction of a new airport



ish when the opportunity arises.

On Tuesday, Mr Zhu said that the proposals unveiled by Chris Patten, the Hong Kong governor, for democratisation in the colony were a challenge to the smooth transfer of power. "People cannot help but ask," Mr Zhu said in London, "whether we still have to stick to the joint declaration between us, whether the important understanding and agreement that we have reached should go with the wind."

Wu Jianmin, the foreign ministry spokesman, was asked whether Peking would continue to uphold the joint declaration if it felt that Mr Patten was continuing to break it. "We still hope," he replied, "that the British side will return to consultation and co-operation as stipulated in the Sino-British Joint declaration."

A reading of the transcript of Mr Zhu's remarks indicated that his comments could have been intended merely to draw attention to a perceived lack of commitment to the joint agreement by the British government.

People's Daily quoted Liu Yutong, a Hong Kong member of China's parliament, as saying the misinterpretation of Mr Zhu's remarks was "intentional rumour-mongering". Ms Liu is a Peking appointee to the body who delights in taunting the Brit-

marks were at best ambiguous, and that ambiguity may have been intended by Peking.

It would not be the first time that Peking has made veiled threats and then protested that its words were innocent. Certainly Peking would not be displeased if Mr Zhu, however unintentionally, increased unease in Hong Kong about Mr Patten's democratisation plans.

The stock market plunge after Mr Zhu's remarks was interpreted by Peking as reflecting Hong Kong's worries about bad relations with China caused by Mr Patten's proposals. Diplomats point out that Peking would gain nothing from abandoning the joint declaration because it would mean starting from scratch with negotiations for the handing over of the British colony to Chinese rule.

Whether Mr Zhu intended to raise doubts about China's commitment to the joint declaration, his words have had the effect of widening the war of nerves raging between Peking and Mr Patten. In the latest salvo in its furious campaign against Mr Patten, a Peking newspaper attacked his strategy of broadening international support for his plans. The United States, Canada and Australia have supported Mr Patten's plans for electoral reform.

Ta Kung Pao, a Peking-controlled newspaper, said Britain had to liaise and co-operate with China on the handing over. "Paten, on the contrary, has run to the international community to seek support and encouragement. Any government leader with the slightest sense of justice will not offer their support," it said.

■ Taiwan deal: Taipei newspapers reported that America could deliver 30 fewer F16 fighters to Taiwan after the island signed a deal for 60 Mirage 2000-5 aircraft from France. But the US lifted a 13-year ban on ministerial visits, and said Carla Hills, trade representative, would arrive for economic talks next month. China last night threatened to retaliate if France approved the jet sale.

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Husain breaks a royal taboo

The King's intimation of mortality has upset Jordan. Christopher Walker writes

King Husain, the Sandhurst-trained Jordanian leader, has sent a violent tremor through his kingdom by hinting for the first time at his own mortality and opening the floodgates to speculation about the succession.

Western governments, who have admitted him back into the fold after anger at Jordan's pro-Iraqi stand in the Gulf war, make no secret of their anxiety that the stability of the Hashemite kingdom is vital to the future of the Middle East peace process.

As the survivor of at least 11 assassination attempts, the dapper king, who took over from his father at the age of 17, opened a debate on the future of his realm with a speech he delivered here on November 5, in which he said: "The life of an enlightened people cannot be measured by the life of an individual. One recognises that every living soul will meet its destined end."

Many Arabs who heard his emotional oration felt it seemed like a farewell message, a notion that senior Jordanian officials reject. Even two months ago the subject was taboo. Rami Khouri, a prominent journalist who raised it in his newspaper column, received death threats from angry readers.

The medical reality of the last several years ... cannot and should not be ignored," Mr Khouri wrote in the *Jordan Times* on September 8. "Is this the moment when King Husain and Jordan should start contemplating the manner and nature of a transition to a post-Husain era?"

Mr Khouri hinted that a transfer to a constitutional monarchy might be possible. Others have since cited Britain, Sweden and Spain as possible role models.

Today, as the king continued official celebrations of his 57th birthday and prepared to leave next month for the United States to attend the first in a series of check-ups after his recent cancer operation, the succession has become the subject of frenzied discussion. The prospect of not having the monarch at the helm is a nightmare for many of his 3.5 million subjects. They are split between a Palestinian majority and a minority of East Bank Arabs, many of whom fear that the country may eventually become a Palestinian state.

"We would be like a family without a head and it is terrifying just to think of it," said Muhammad Karaki, a civil engineer whose fears reflected widespread popular concern. "He is the thread that holds the Jordanian family together. Truly, there is no one like him."

Middle East impasse outlasts year of talks

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

MIDDLE East negotiators wrapped up their seventh round of peace talks in Washington yesterday with little to show for more than a year of dialogue and few prospects of an immediate breakthrough.

Although Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, and President Mubarak of Egypt marked the 15th anniversary of the late Anwar Sadat's historic visit to Jerusalem with a morale-boosting chat yesterday, even the most optimistic observer was hard-pressed to find anything encouraging in the latest Arab-Israeli talks.

The process can only move forward once Bill Clinton's administration is in place.

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Peru poll will test faith in Fujimori

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI IN LIMA

MOST Peruvians who go to the polls this weekend to choose a new congress will worry less about the quality of the candidates than whether President Fujimori will deliver his promise to crush Maoist guerrillas and the drug traffickers.

Sunday's elections in which 11 million voters will choose an 80-seat constituent assembly, a new chamber of congress that will legislate and also rewrite the constitution, come amid a campaign of terror by Shining Path guerrillas in Lima which has killed five people two days.

Candidates backing Señor Fujimori lead in opinion polls. They are expected to gain an overwhelming majority, as the president's popularity has soared since security forces captured Abimael Guzmán, the Shining Path's ideological leader, in September.

Senior Fujimori, the son of Japanese immigrants, called the elections six months after he seized dictatorial powers in April and abolished the previous congress and the judicial system with the backing of the military. He justified his moves as being the only way to clamp down on a corruption-ridden system. He has used military emergency powers to wage war on the guerrillas.

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An array of independents representing agricultural or industrial interests are taking part, but none is expected to present much opposition to the Cambio 90-Nueva Mayoría alliance which is made up of the president's closest allies, friends and family.

Clinton charms the Capitol Hill power-brokers

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

BILL Clinton spent the second day of his first triumphant post-election trip to Washington focusing his formidable charm and energies on America's congressmen, the people with the power to make or break his presidency.

After a dawn jog on the Mall that ended with coffee at a McDonald's round the corner from the White House, Mr Clinton breakfasted with 14 senior Democrats on Capitol Hill. Later, before lunching with more Democrats and Republicans, he had several key congressional meetings with one-to-one meetings. Among them was Robert Dole, the Senate minority leader, who is now Washington's most powerful Republican and has pledged to "chaperone" Mr Clinton through the early days of his presidency.

The president-elect is acutely aware of how perpetual battles with Congress undermined the last Democratic president, Jimmy Carter. "I'll do the best I can to establish a

good working relationship," promised Mr Clinton, who wants to push an economic recovery package through Congress as rapidly as he can after his inauguration on January 20. During the election campaign he studiously distanced himself from the highly unpopular institution.

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nutely scrutinised by the press, was a masterpiece of image-building in which the president-elect touched all bases, mingled easily with haves and have-nots alike, and managed to appear both the political outsider he campaigned as and the political professional he really is.

Unlike Mr Carter, who sought to ignore the Washington establishment, Mr Clinton attended two society dinners in Georgetown but also appeared at the annual dinner of a children's charity where Mrs Clinton gave a speech. He met Mr Bush for two hours in the Oval Office, but then spent almost as long in a struggling black area of the city, to show that he planned to remain accessible.

"I'll do my best not to get out of touch," he told the crowds who turned out to greet him.

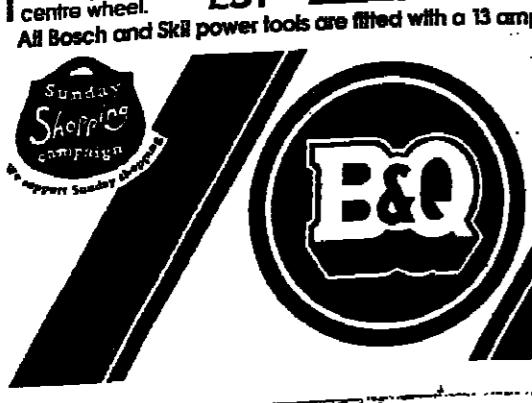
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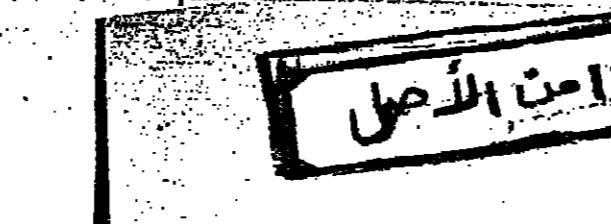
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Hard lessons, statistically speaking

After a life of energetic public service, the buoyant Sir Claus Moser, 70 next week, remains optimistic about the ills of his adopted country.

Do not ring the bell", it says on the from door of the Warden's Lodge at Wadham College, Oxford, "unless you expect an answer." I rang. Inside, Sir Claus Moser was between meetings. He sits on "30 or 40" boards, commissions, trusts and governing bodies a life of sitting, chairing, producing reports. He will be 70 next Tuesday, but the statistician who first introduced us to *Social Trends* in 1957 remains enthralled by questions like: what sort of society do we want? And how should education best serve that society?

Statistics and education: you would think Sir Claus would be the first to welcome yesterday's league tables on exam results — but a statistician requires more sophisticated information. "We cannot compare school A with school B without additional details," he says. These may prove that school B, whose results look poor, has done more to improve its pupils than school A, with its top-notch catchment.

When Sir Claus made his British Association speech, two years ago, about Britain becoming "one of the least adequately educated of all the advanced nations", it began his National Commission on Education. His speech had already identified the glaring problem: a national turp, a failure to connect learning with opportunity, except perhaps in Scotland, or among Jewish and Asian communities, where there is the self-help motivation to work hard.

Two years on, he had spent all Tuesday with the commission, and we talked about education for 40 minutes, but if I were to list the themes they would seem worryingly familiar, even platitudeous. Money needed, for books, school buildings, teachers' salaries. "You can't talk about the delights of learning, when thousands of children can't experience it." The need of industry "to offer the educated child a better starting salary than the less-educated child, or parents won't encourage children to stay on". Wasn't it just glaringly superfluous to report, as Sheffield University did that week, that the children of professional parents, in any school, outperform children of manual workers? And isn't it immutable?

"I am an optimist," he says. "I wanted this commission to get some way towards a change in attitude. I wanted education to be higher on the political agenda, and

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— with members from industry, banking, the law and so on — will report next year. The calibre of and respect for the teaching profession will be central. "My father said to me in 1936: 'If you decide not to go into the family bank, you might think of schoolteaching.' It was held up as something prestigious and rather difficult to get into unless one was really bright. My hope is that that one day that might be the case again in Britain."

Sir Claus seems driven by the need to give something back to his adopted country. He has often spoken movingly about his schooldays in Berlin, when the teacher's "Heil Hitler" was a daily humiliation. In 1936, his parents sent him to Frensham Heights, the co-educational boarding school. After the war he sailed, via the London School of Economics (LSE), the Central Statistical Office, the Royal Opera House and Rothschild's bank into the British establishment.

He met Mary, his half-Swiss wife, at the LSE and married her 46 years ago. After reading Ruth Gledhill's article on the British Jews in *The Times Saturday Review* last week, he is forthright in defence of marrying out of the faith. "Being Jewish is central to me. I wouldn't be sitting here if I weren't Jewish. I'd be in Berlin in the bank. I love being involved in Jewish matters, and I feel good," as committed a Jew as more Orthodox Jews. I hate this divisiveness." He goes reluctantly to the West London synagogue that the much-admired Rabbi Hugo Gryn. "One



"I wish some aspects of the classroom, like the curriculum and 'standards', weren't so much a political ping-pong game": Sir Claus Moser on British education

is a Jew because one was born a Jew." But as one who declares, "I owe my very happy and interesting life to this country", the thought of the Bosnians in Austria refused entry to Britain fills him with grief and shame. "This is the age of the refugee," he says. "It is one of the worst things that can happen to a person, apart from torture. I realised as I got older what it had meant to my parents to be warmly received here. And look at the luck I've had: Chairman of the Royal Opera House, Head of government department. To allow that to a refugee: terrific, a wonderful record for Britain, supposedly a xenophobic country."

The 70,000 who came from Germany and Austria in the 1930s have enriched British life, and received a hell of a lot back. I know this is idealist talk, the arms cannot be opened 180 degrees — but they can be opened much wider than they are now. What we are doing at the moment is pathetic." He cites the Israelis taking in 70,000 Russian Jews, "struggling to make these Russians part of their society. But somehow it will be done."

Having returned to the Labour fold at the last election (from an interlude with the SDP), he is unsurprisingly pro-European. Could he, as a statistician, phrase a question to discover how close to the rest of Europe people really feel? "Well, we had a referendum under Mr Heath, one of my revered bosses. And that was the moment I had real hope. He had somehow managed to raise our sights as a nation above the trivial. On Europe, leadership is all-important. If only our

leaders managed to convey to us the grandeur of the wider European vision in a truly passionate way — instead of getting buried in the trivial regulations of Maastricht, which I find deeply depressing — the public would respond more positively. I never thought I would hear all that anti-German stuff coming out again.

"One thing in my life remains very Germanic," he says. "Once a year, I review my life in a notebook, writing what I would like to happen next year. There came a year, after Rothschild's, when I wrote that what I would really love would be to become the head of an Oxford college."

Eight years later, the college rules state which to play his piano. He is a concert pianist *maestro*, the highlight of the coming year is being invited to play the piano at Tokyo University in Tokyo.

"Look how extraordinary my life has been," he says. "At ten, I was at school in Berlin. At 20, I was at the LSE, about to go into the RAF to fight against the country I had come from. My 50th birthday party was spent playing chamber

worries that they feel lonely when they come up, but what I find is that they worry about their parents being lonely."

He is such an inveterate listmaker he makes lists of lists, obsessive about always writing on a clean piece of paper. "I sometimes think I am going bananas, being involved in too many things. I am a workaholic, I like every day to be filled. But I ought to have been more concentrated. I am quite often late for meetings, or have to leave early, or haven't read the relevant papers properly. I am greatly looking forward to withdrawing from things, and doing a few things better."

And to leaving whole days clear in which to play his piano. He is a concert pianist *maestro*, the highlight of the coming year is being invited to play the piano at Tokyo University in Tokyo.

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ambitious. If one is from outside, even if one has become almost totally British, one is not English by origin, but mid-European, and, unconsciously, I take an extraordinary pride in what has happened to me, and have a slight desire to go on proving myself."

It is because, as a refugee, he wanted to prove he could be as good as anyone else?

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Feminism's new British launch stands by the old radical values

Among the spawnings of the 1960s was a raft of "alternative publications". Now strictly yesterday's papers, they dear with various with the perennial delights of dope and sex and rock 'n' roll — as the era advanced — with the new sexual politics, otherwise known as women's and gay lib. A motley crew, they tended to millennial hyperbole and idiosyncratic design. They had few advertisements, lacked gloss and, it must be said, readers.

Then came *Ms*, named after the new honorific, a term that carried much the same resonance as "bra-burner". *Ms* came "up from under" as they used to say, in 1972, the brainchild of Gloria Steinem, a woman noted mainly until then for being sufficiently attractive to pose as a Playboy bunny for a piece of investigative hacking. Steinem did for the new women what Helen Gurley Brown had done for the single girl ten years earlier with *Cosmopolitan*. The mane of streaky blonde hair, the mini-skirts, the aviator glasses: men were blinded by the picture, but women — more and more of them — picked up the message.

Ms had little to offer lesbian separatists, but they weren't the constituency. It was custom-built for the fringe: keen, fairly hip but not quite committed; for women wanting to dip a tentative toe into the current of the new movement. *Ms* was just what was needed. It wasn't *Spare Rib* or *Red Rag* or one of those unconvincingly combative journals. It was *Cosmo*, as it were, with under-arm hair. It had the right articles — a little equal rights, a little job satisfaction, a little non-sexist sexuality — but it also had those ads in which the usual idealised beauties, albeit pictured in "liberated" jobs, puffed the cigarettes that said "You've come a long way, baby".

In fairness it had cred. Twenty years ago, in a world

Twenty years on: hit or *Ms*?

where it only took men to lengthen their hair or women to shorten their skirts to terrify the powers that be, the signs were much simpler. When the current has always flowed quietly, it takes but the tiniest wave to rock the boat. Next Tuesday, 20 years on, *Ms* arrives on British news-stands but the magazine that will be jostling for space in

The old *Ms* wasn't *Spare Rib* — more *Cosmo* with under-arm hair

Image changer: Robin Morgan

WH Smith is a very different creation from the original. By the end of the 1980s it had reached, as its editor-in-chief Robin Morgan puts it, "a plateau". Ms Steinem was an *eminence rose*, fast vanishing into her current obsession, as evidenced in her recent book, *Revolution from Within*.

Ms Morgan says: "When we relaunched, we said proudly that we had done away with slick paper and slick thinking. We don't do movie-star coverage. We don't do fashion or wine. *Ms*-readers want facts; statistical ammunition with which to argue, news about feminism, stories where you have an intersection between the personal and the political, role-model lives."

That all changed in 1990. New owners, a new editor, and a whole new attitude.

Nineties *Ms* is closer to *Spare Rib*: women of colour, men of

conscience, mothers "mentoring" daughters (and vice versa), sexual harassment, toxic tampons and all the issues.

The problem for *Ms* UK, however, is not quality but quantity.

At £2.95 it's expensive, even every two months, but as Ms Morgan points out it's not so much a magazine as a "magabook".

"It's much more of a small anthology that comes out every eight weeks than a magazine. Women are definitely getting a good read for their money."

Ms is selling 200,000 copies

in America, but are there enough potential readers here? After all we have our own feminist publications.

"*Spare Rib* and *Everywoman* I admire, I'm a fan. In

no way, shape or form do we see ourselves as being in

competition with them. On the

contrary, we hope to support them, and use people who write for them. But considering that women are a majority of the population, surely there's room for all three."

The bottom line of course is content.

Issue one is indeed international, but the British coverage boils down to a short piece on Ladybirds and similar women-only transport Earth shaking. Hardly.

Promised are profiles of lawyer Helena Kennedy, Labour's Margaret Beckett and other heavyweights. There will also be space for a pair of women less widely associated with "liberation". Read this, *Hello!* and weep.

"When you talk about Di

and Fergie, most feminists say

"Oh my God, the royals, how irrelevant". But here are two

women who married into a

powerful family and suddenly

found out that their entire

lives had been prescribed — if

these were two ordinary

women then it would be very

different and the feminist sym-

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Graham Leonard, former Bishop of London, outlines his plan to forge a relationship with the Roman Catholics

Ever since the Reformation, the Church of England has claimed to be the Catholic Church in the country. Whether or not that claim is justified, it is one which is reflected in its title-deeds, the Book of Common Prayer, the Ordinal and the 39 Articles.

That claim has been based upon four pillars, which in the last century were summed up in the Lambeth Quadrilateral as expressing the doctrinal basis of Anglicanism. These four pillars are Scripture, as interpreted by tradition, the creeds, the sacraments and the ordained ministry.

In recent years each of these pillars has been undermined and has begun to crumble away. The theological implications of the recent decision of the General Synod have caused their collapse.

With regard to Scripture, the traditional position of the Anglican Church has been that nothing can be required of belief for eternal salvation but that which may be concluded and proved by Scripture. Those who support the ordination of women to the priesthood have not sought to claim such sanction for it but have had to invoke contemporary fashion and call upon secular support.

How to leave the Church of England

There is in the legislation a built-in mechanism to ensure that the majority view will prevail. Few people realise, for example, that it will be illegal for the prime minister to nominate as a bishop a priest who cannot accept women priests.

The Archbishop of Canterbury is reported as having made two astonishing statements. The first is that the "ordination of women to the priesthood alters not a word of the Scripture, the Creeds, or the faith of our Church". Such a statement can be made only on the basis of Humpty Dumpty's use of words. "When I use a word," Humpty Dumpty said in a scornful tone, "it means just what I choose to mean — neither more nor less."

The second statement is that "there is no connection between the ordination of women to the priesthood and feminism". Has Dr Carey not read any of the literature supporting the ordination of women in which the connection is explicitly made?

The line between life and death

Alan Ryan on the agonising moral dilemmas posed by the Bland case

Yesterday the High Court agreed that Tony Bland, who was crushed in the Hillsborough tragedy, and has been comatose ever since, may have his feeding tubes withdrawn and be allowed to die. The Official Solicitor has appealed against the judgment, arguing that Tony Bland's doctors will be murdering him by withdrawing treatment.

There is every chance that the case will reach the House of Lords. It confronts British lawyers and doctors with an issue that American courts have been struggling with for years — how to draw a line between what doctors may and may not do when the time has come to let their patients die. At one extreme stand orthodox Catholic teaching and right-to-life groups like Operation Rescue, arguing that the traditional prohibition against intentionally killing the innocent is all we need, and at the other, the Hemlock Society, and the voters of California who on November 3 narrowly failed to legalise doctor-assisted suicide in their state.

Comatose patients are often unable to survive at all without life support machinery, feeding alone will not sustain life. Their ordinary bodily functions need mechanical help. Guidelines that tell us to keep "normal treatment" going as long as the patient is alive, but to abandon "extraordinary means" when they are obviously doing no good are adequate for such cases. American hospitals prolong the use of extraordinary measures because of a fear of being sued for not trying hard enough, and families sometimes have to take them to court to get them to stop, but the American Medical Association guidelines are clear enough in such cases. It is when we get to Nancy Cruzan, who was injured in a car crash and died after three years of battles in the courts, and Tony Bland that it gets more difficult.

Like Nancy Cruzan, Tony Bland is in a "persistent vegetative state" (PVS), which means that his body functions without mechanical help, but there is no prospect of his regaining consciousness. However, he needs no more than nutrition to stay alive. Merely feeding somebody would not in most people's views count as "extraordinary treatment" but withdrawing feeding can have only one effect, killing the patient, and that is the point of the withdrawal. Unlike the "extraordinary" case, where the

patient is already dying and is only being kept alive by artificial means, we cannot easily say a PVS patient is dying, even if they are being artificially fed. That is why Nancy Cruzan's parents — who after four years thought it was time to stop — were fought every inch of the way by right-to-life groups and by the state of Missouri.

In America, as in Britain, patients have a right to refuse treatment they can, and are increasingly encouraged to, make "living wills" that detail what they want done, and more importantly what they do not want, if they are unable to decide for themselves. This includes being able to refuse artificial feeding. But Nancy Cruzan was in no position to accept or refuse anything. In her case the US Supreme Court took the view that individual states may lay down their own rules about what is and is not lawful medical practice, but they cannot override the clearly expressed wishes of patients. Missouri could keep Nancy Cruzan alive against her parents' wishes unless they went back home and found "clear and convincing evidence" that she would not have wished to live in a PVS condition; this they did. Once three of her workmates had testified that she had said on more than one occasion that she would not have wished to live in such a condition, the state of Missouri withdrew from the case, her court-appointed guardian agreed that she should be taken off her feeding tubes.

Bill Clinton may claim not to have inhaled, but in most other respects he has been taken to the heart of the Rolling Stone generation. In an interview with various Rolling Stone stalwarts (including the editor, Jann Wenner, who is 45 and living proof that Peter Pan could have been a millionaire with the right marketing) Bill Clinton managed to sound like someone who had inhaled a great deal. "It didn't all work out, but we did a lot of good," he mused, "people in our generation are much more idealistic than a lot of others have been, 'cause we were raised to believe things were possible."

In Spokane, Washington, he said a woman had inspired him with the words "You've got to go out and redeem the Sixties generation." "Wow," said gonzo veteran Hunter S. Thompson, who happened to be at the interview. Wow is right. What a dreadful prospect. I was seven when the Sixties ended, but as I grew up I had to endure being told how wonderful the era I just missed had been. Sure, there were some good things: the civil rights movement, the Beatles, Blue Peter, but from where



Leonard: no to women

which exist in the USA, Canada, Australia, England and elsewhere.

While I admire them for having the courage of their convictions, it cannot be denied that, depending on much upon personalities, they seem to lead to further division.

A second option is to seek hospitality from the Eastern Orthodox Churches. While they are very

sympathetic, they are so closely related in this country to the indigenous churches of which they are part that it is difficult to see this as a realistic possibility.

The third option is to seek relationships with the Roman Catholic Church. This we would have to do as suppliants and without presumption, asking if a way could be found for us somehow to preserve our Anglican identity while being in communion with the See of Peter. I do not think that it is for us to suggest how this might be achieved. We can only hope and pray that the Vatican and the

sympathetic here in England will do the same.

However, the canon which gives us most encouragement is canon 572. Having referred to the territorial nature of dioceses, paragraph two reads as follows: "If, however, in the judgement of the supreme authority in the Church, after consultation with the episcopal conferences concerned, it is thought helpful, there may be established in a given territory, particular Churches distinguished by the rite of the faithful, or by some other similar quality."

The legislation which has arisen in the Church of England will bear particularly hard upon the younger clergy who cannot accept women priests and for whom there can be no future. But it will also bear very hard upon the orthodox laity. It may be that for a time their local Anglican priest will be orthodox, in which case they will be able to remain in their parish church. But the time will come when they will not be able to find one where they

can do so in good conscience. It would be of the greatest benefit to such people, if, possibly as an interim measure, they could be permitted to make their communion in the local Catholic Church.

There is, of course, the question of Anglican Orders, which does present a problem for many orthodox Anglican clergy. Out of pastoral care for those to whom they have ministered, they would find it very difficult to accept that their ministrations are deemed utterly null and void.

However, there are responsible people in the Roman Catholic Church who suggest that although the Bull *Apostolicae Curae* applied to the situation existing in 1896, subsequent developments — and particularly the participation of old Catholic bishops in Anglican consecrations — could warrant a different response, at least for those ordained since then.

The author was Bishop of London 1981-1991.

Woodstock in Washington

Ben Macintyre predicts bad music, worse clothes and not enough soap as the baby-boomers taste power



I am standing the Sixties was an era of bad music, worse clothes, self-obsession, too much facial hair and not enough soap.

The Sixties ethic which looks set to mark the Clinton presidency will be a marked improvement on the moth-ball atmosphere of the Reagan-Bush years, when youth was almost never mentioned, possibly because they couldn't remember it. Mutton dressed as lamb is still better than mutton dressed as mutton. But the Democratic campaign constantly harped back to the Sixties — even down to Kennedy-esque sessions with a football — and the next four years seem certain to be suffused with the undignified faux-youth of men and women who were told to stay

forever young in the Sixties, and listened.

Power and success do not always sit comfortably with hip. James Carville, Bill Clinton's political consultant and chief strategist of the Democratic campaign, made a point of wearing jeans to press conferences. As a sign of a rebellious spirit this was all very well, but the jeans were always spotters with a razor-sharp crease in them from the dry-cleaners. Grown-up rebels don't do their own ironing.

The Clinton administration-elect is already making strenuous efforts to distinguish itself from an ancient regime painted as indolent and old-fashioned. Thus, in the interests of economy, Bill Clinton travelled to Washington this week on

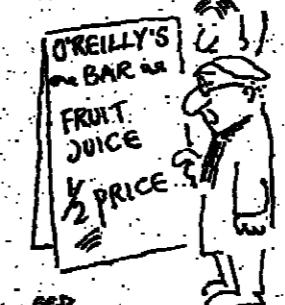
an elderly-charted jet instead of the military plane offered by the president and elected to stay in a hotel rather than Blair House, the traditional guesthouse for visiting dignitaries. The extra security required around the Hay Adams Hotel will cost American taxpayers rather more in the end, but it is the hollowness that counts.

Americans now in their forties seem particularly prone to the misapprehension that they, and only they, discovered that sex is fun, war is hell and wearing strange clothes bugs the heck out of adults. The Sixties generation was just as vapid and committed and rebellious as any other post-war group, but only it seems to feel the need to go on about it. People my age do

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Orange Free State



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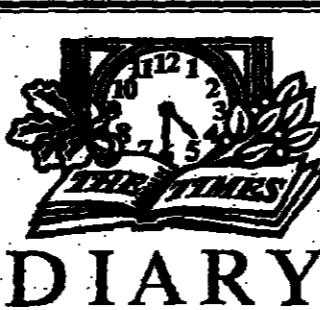
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Brooke's hall of fun

PETER Brooke's quiet determination appears to have succeeded where David Mellor's blustering style failed. After a search of more than seven months, the new minister has found luxurious new headquarters for the national heritage department based in the centre of London's West End. The department is on the verge of signing up 68,000 sq ft of prime office space in Trafalgar Place, Cockspur Street, a stone's throw from the National Gallery, the Royal Academy of Arts and half a dozen West End theatres, not to mention a short drive down Whitehall to Westminster.

The 350 civil servants who will make the move are already celebrating. Under Mellor's leadership they had strongly resisted a move to Canary Wharf and other out-of-the-way locations. But given the keen interest of the Treasury, which will pick up the bill, few had dared expect such a smart location.

Mellor had argued long and hard with his former Treasury colleagues that his new department needed a suitably up-market location. But it is Brooke who has delivered the prime site complete with atrium, air-conditioning and



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which had wanted 20,000 sq ft.

The museum's disappointment is as nothing compared with that of the owners of No 1 Knightsbridge, who had hoped to lease their blue-chip address to the department. It is rumoured that the parties had agreed terms but the department changed its mind at the last minute.

Taking advantage of the recession, which many would say the government itself created, Brooke has snapped up the prime space at the bargain price of little more than £20 a sq ft.

Now we know

AFTER the oui campaign claimed Napoleon as a Maastricht supporter in the French referendum, Edmund Burke, a noted opponent of the French Revolution, was

claimed this week as the patron saint of the anti-Maastricht lobby. The man most Tories regard as the founder of modern British political thinking would have opposed the treaty, according to Lord Rees-Mogg, the former editor of *The Times*, who told the Edmund Burke Society at the Reform Club this week: "Burke would not have given his consent to the treaty and would not have agreed in the House of Commons to its ratification. He would have thought it a Utopian ideal."

Worse was to come when Noel Coward was due to speak. The previous night he collapsed at the Phoenix Theatre. Robert Morley, the first-choice stand-in, promptly fell down the stairs. On the morning of the lunch, Dame Sybil Thorndike, the third choice, collapsed through illness. "It was the first time I feared we would not have a speaker," Foyle recalls.

"Then Charlie Chaplin, who had not even replied to our invitation, walked through the door. He saved the day."

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Players, about Hastings Banda's appalling rule in Malawi? The BBC Council had appealed to the BBC to withdraw it, much to the film-makers' chagrin, and the finger has been pointed firmly at the novelist P.D. James, who is not only a governor of the BBC but is also on the BBC Council board.

Baroness James denies being the instigator. "It is with great reluctance that one agrees to a film being dropped," she says. "We received powerful advice from the British Council. I believe the right decision was made. It was taken not by me but by the BBC at the highest level. It is a pernicious regime in Malawi. Nevertheless, because of the advice we received, it was right that the programme was not shown."

One who disagrees is Nigel Williams, the programme's editor. "I stand by my programme," he says. "I hope it can be shown at the earliest opportunity. P.D. James and I had a frank but friendly discussion. We agreed to differ."

Ironically, the subject of next week's *Bookmark* is P.D. James and the interviewer is Williams.

"We had to postpone that, too, but for different reasons," Williams says. "We had intended to put it out at the same time as her last book, but we thought it might look like a plug for one of the books."



WHEN LIFE IS NO LIFE

The Bland case must not be allowed to set a precedent

The High Court's ruling that Tony Bland should be allowed to die is both compassionate and correct. But it would be dangerous to see this case as setting any new ethical guidelines. As technology has improved, the distinction between life and death has become blurred. There is now an almost infinite number of gradations between fully functioning life and complete extinction, each example of which should be evaluated on its own terms.

This case turned on what may seem a trivial point: whether artificial feeding constitutes medical treatment. It is perfectly legal for medication such as antibiotics to be withheld from the incurably ill. The question of whether feeding tubes came into this category determined whether Mr Bland's doctors would be guilty of unlawful killing by removing them.

Because the tube-feeding can only be carried out under medical supervision, the court decided that the tubes which provide Mr Bland with life-sustaining food do qualify as medical treatment. This was the technical issue on which the case was decided. However, the main factor in the judge's decision was probably the sympathy for the parents who felt that their son's condition rendered his life pointless. The Blands wanted a minimal existence to be brought to an end. Many of the families of the nearly 1,500 similar patients in Britain do not share their view. There is no question of discontinuing treatment in those cases.

Although supporters of euthanasia may claim this verdict as part of a climate of opinion moving in their favour, this is not a classic euthanasia case in which a patient is helped to die as a merciful release from suffering. Since Mr Bland cannot feel or experience anything, the decision to bring about his death has nothing to do with the relief of pain. What his physicians and parents argued was not that he needed to be

released from an intolerable existence — his existence being neither tolerable nor intolerable to him since he is not aware of it — but that it no longer constituted a human life and was therefore undignified and meaningless. The judge Sir Stephen Brown, president of the High Court's Family Division, said of Mr Bland: "His spirit has left him and all that remains is the shell of his body."

The implications of this judgment need to be examined with unsentimental rigour. It is easy to succumb to rhetorical catchphrases such as "the right to die with dignity" without questioning how many people actually manage to exercise that right or what sort of legislation would be required to guarantee it. Medical science is forcing the courts to confront some of the most fundamental questions about what it means to be alive. The commonsense wisdom which seems to have determined the verdict on Mr Bland assumes that a basic criterion of human life is consciousness. But what does this mean? Is it enough to have sensations or must a person be capable of intentions and thoughts?

If the ability to think is necessary for a life to have meaning, what can be said of those whose mental age will never get beyond infancy? And what of the hopelessly senile or those rendered insensate by a stroke? Few decisions could be more potentially dangerous than those that determine which lives are worth living. The legal problems are as vexing as the philosophical ones: how can the best interests of a patient be decided when he is not sentient? Can such a patient be said to have any interests? If not, must the interests of his family be paramount? Every such tragic case is unique. What is important, therefore, is that each is considered separately on its merits and that the Bland case will not be treated as a generalised precedent for others.

CUT TO THE CORE

South Africa must purge its government to save itself

When F.W. de Klerk succeeded to the presidency of South Africa he inherited a country in a rotten state. Just how rotten South Africans soon began to discover was, in the chaos of change and transition, murderers, thieves, blackmailers, hit squads and their official paymasters began to emerge from the decaying fabric of the *ancien régime*. Finally, this week Mr de Klerk appeared reluctantly to accept that the rottenness could extend to the very heart of his government. But his response — to hand control of military intelligence to the chief of the Defence Force — falls so far short of what is needed that doubts must remain as to whether it offers a cure or a cover-up.

Apartheid has long been revealed as a corrupt and corrupting ideology. For more than four decades, governments stuffed millions of rands into the mouths of black straphangers to maintain the myth that grand apartheid was something more than an elaborate bid to justify and disguise minority rule. When that failed, P.W. Botha ceded power and policy-making to South Africa's security establishment which, unaccountable to parliament and behind a screen of almost impenetrable secrecy, began to wage a squalid war on the government's "enemies" both at home and abroad.

What Mr Justice Goldstone has shown beyond doubt is that the war continued under Mr de Klerk's rule when the "enemy" was the political opponent with whom the president was seeking to negotiate. It was, moreover, being conducted with the connivance of some of his most senior military chiefs and with the possible knowledge of trusted members of his own cabinet. Thus Mr de Klerk's powder-puff response, an

internal Defence Force enquiry into its own wrong-doing, poses more questions than it answers — questions which begin to touch the president himself. He will argue that he has already done a great deal to clear up the mess. He downgraded the once all-powerful State Security Council, cut the defence establishment and appointed the Goldstone Commission of enquiry into the violence which is tearing South Africa and the peace process apart. These were the responses of a parliamentarian and a lawyer with a respect for civil authority and a faith in the law — rare attributes in a Nationalist leader. But in the light of the Goldstone disclosures it is no longer enough. Mr de Klerk must give the commission greater powers and follow where it leads — even if that is to the doors of the cabinet and the highest echelons of the army.

His continuing failure to do so has opened a Pandora's box of suspicions: about a government blackmailed into inaction by its former henchmen; about the ultimate loyalty of the security establishment and its willingness to destroy the peace process through either coup or conspiracy; about the integrity not only of the president but of the negotiations themselves. This is especially critical now that the ANC's inner cabinet — although not yet its national executive — has embraced the concept of power-sharing with whites in a final political settlement in an obvious attempt to get the negotiations back on track. The South African president's integrity could be all that stands between a negotiated political settlement and a collapse into anarchy. He must act now to purge himself and his government of the rottenness at its core.

OLD CHINA HANDS

Patten deserves support from those whose policies have failed

The days when China could count on Sino-British diplomacy to undermine the authority of a Hong Kong governor or impose a veto on policies for Hong Kong are over. That is an important official message for China's vice-premier, Zhu Rongji, to take back to Peking after his visit to London this week. John Major and Douglas Hurd drove it home through their well-publicised meetings with Chris Patten, whose presence in town at the same time was not coincidental.

The point should never have needed to be made. But the Chinese government is not alone in sniping at Mr Patten's proposals to extend democracy in Hong Kong, and his breaking with precedent by consulting its people. China could easily overestimate the influence of its "old friends" in Britain, the Whitehall sinologists and businessmen who clustered round Mr Zhu this week.

Many of them echo Peking's complaints that Mr Patten should have asked China's permission before lifting a finger. They mutter sorrowfully that he is endangering Hong Kong by derailing the "smooth train" to the 1997 handover. But the real fear of these former architects of China policy is that the pusillanimous character of the advice they have been giving ministers for years will be exposed if he succeeds. The higher the waves Mr Patten has to ride between now and 1997, the more he will be scoffed at as an amateur out of his depth.

Mr Patten has an obviously sincere determination to do all he can to secure the "way of life which makes Hong Kong such

an attractive community". He insists that he is simply trying to implement the 1984 declaration by putting constitutional flesh on the principle at its heart: Deng Xiaoping's pledge of "one country, two systems". He argues, rightly, that if he does not defend that principle now, nobody will believe British assurances that it will not wash its hands of Hong Kong in 1997. He has invited Peking to come up with ideas acceptable to the majority in Hong Kong which wants more democracy, saying that his door is open for "rational dialogue" but that he does not accept that consultation is synonymous with giving China a veto.

Mr Patten has convinced the Hong Kong public that he really does put its interests first, hence his popularity and the relative calm with which the colony has greeted Peking's recent tirades. People in Hong Kong know how to judge these, and Peking's horror of democratic self-government is hardly news. Above all, they are the people at risk in 1997. Mr Patten has won backing for his proposals where it matters.

He should now press ahead with canvassing the best into his legislation. That is the debate that counts, as he is the first ever governor to understand. China will do its best to make trouble in Hong Kong. All Mr Patten needs from Britain is continued steady support. Where Hong Kong is concerned, the old China hands have not exactly covered Britain in glory. They could usefully refrain from carping in the wings.

Call for UN haven in Yugoslavia

From the Secretary-General of Médecins Sans Frontières

Sir, Having allowed the conflict in the former Yugoslavia to grow to incredible proportions, the European Community cannot now refuse to take in those whose lives are threatened.

From the beginning of the crisis, Europe has taken an exclusively "humanitarian" approach that has served to mask the inability of our political leaders to take even the smallest initiative to discourage the aggressors. As you imply in your leading article today, humanitarian operations in the former Yugoslavia will increasingly appear as cosmetic posturing unless the aggression is stopped.

The agony of Catholics within the Church of England can only be experienced by meeting it at a personal level, as I have done in conversation with clergy here at Cambridge and elsewhere. The crux of the issue lies not so much in the ordination of women priests in itself — I have found in Anglicans and Roman Catholics a surprising degree of agnosticism — but in the manner in which the action was taken.

In the medium term, the United Nations could set up a "haven" for the civilian population in Bosnia, similar to the one established for the Kurds in Iraq. The Bosnian tragedy provides striking similarities with Nazi Germany: Europe must immediately offer at least temporary asylum in the most vulnerable, if it is not to renege on the values which underlie its civilisation.

Yours sincerely,
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Boulevard Léopold II 209,
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November 18.

Refugees blocked

From the Director of Alert

Sir, This organisation welcomes measures to control the random intake of refugees, as this should provide safeguards against organisations plucking people from the camps and transporting them to the UK without having adequate arrangements for their care here. Unfortunately, we have inadvertently been caught up in a battle with the Home Office over regulations that were introduced to discourage agencies who do not operate according to the same rules. The week prior to the introduction of the new regulations, we were moving refugees who had been selected by the Red Cross and ourselves towards the Slovenian border. Accommodation and carers were waiting for them in centres all over Britain, with the approval of the local authorities concerned, and we had informed the refugees to that effect, so these people were in transit when the measures were introduced.

At no time did the Home Office or any other government department tell us not to go. If they had, we would have taken their advice, although it would have been virtually impossible to have alerted the refugees who were moving towards the Austrian/Slovenian border.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN BEESELEY,
Director, Alert,
Springfield, Scotland Lane,
Horbury, Leeds, West Yorkshire.
November 18.

Doctor's ordeal

From Mr Nigel H. Harris

Sir, Now that Dr Nigel Cox has endured the stress of two trials — a criminal one, and the professional conduct committee deliberation of the General Medical Council (report, November 18) — it would seem reasonable and in accordance with natural justice that he should be allowed to continue his professional career.

How disappointing it is therefore to note that the Wessex Regional Health Authority (his pompous employer) should consider it necessary to put him through a third ordeal to decide if his employment will continue.

Yours faithfully,
NIGEL HARRIS
(Consultant orthopaedic surgeon),
72 Harley Street, W1.

New book on Scrolls

From Professor Geza Vermes, FBA

Sir, May I correct two factual errors in Matthew d'Ancona's report (November 17) on the publication of *The Dead Sea Scrolls Uncovered*.

1. I have never said that the unpublished Scrolls are "as interesting as an old map". These fragments are significant and I welcome their publication. They are, however, in no way revolutionary but, in my own words, "as explosive as a wet mop".

2. The Forum for Quirn Research,

of which I am the Director, is not run under the aegis of Oxford University but under that of the Oxford Centre for Postgraduate Hebrew Studies.

Yours sincerely,
GEZA VERMES,
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Bears Hill, Oxford.

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Vatican and issue of women priests

From Lord St John of Fawsley, Master of Emmanuel College, Cambridge

Sir, I offer this solution not in any spirit of triumphalism but in one of humble service to a church which bears the marks of the presence of the Holy Spirit through its holiness, its respect for the word and tradition and its sacramental life.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
ST JOHN OF FAW SLEY,
Emmanuel College, Cambridge.
November 18.

From Mr J. O'Brien

Sir, The decision of Synod revealed the irreconcilable division between the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches on matters of theology, scripture, tradition and the apostolic succession.

Now we Catholics can regain our liturgy, spirituality and sacramental theology, so much of which has been threatened as our leaders sincerely sought the prize of unity — now placed beyond reach by Synod.

I hope that Mr Breen (letter, November 14) will stay with us and not join "the tide of church-leaving". If not, shall we have the consolation of welcoming home so many of our Anglican brethren who now will surely wish to join us.

We believe that Jesus Christ (not Synod) calls those whom He chooses for the ordained priesthood, just as He once called the apostles.

Yours faithfully:

J. J. O'BRIEN,
6 Willow Drive, Handforth,
Wilmslow, Cheshire.
November 18.

From Captain F. V. Harrison, RN (retd)

Sir, Do we still belong to one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church — or must we amend the Creed?

Yours faithfully,

F. HARRISON,
26 Kensington Palace Court,
Sancroft Street, SE11.

From Mr T. Piney

Sir, As you pointed out in a leading article on October 30, "The priests' vocation", the Roman Catholic Church does not recognise the validity of Anglican Orders *per se*. Thus the addition of non-ordained women should not make any difference to ecumenism.

Yours faithfully,

T. PINEY,
1 Stirling Mansions,
12 Canfield Gardens, NW6.
November 16.

From Mr John Brace

Sir, As I believe, a reasonably intelligent adult, I was initially baffled by the first of the three samples of the new tests, involving a calculator.

I passed it round the office. Out of two senior accountants, a studio manager, an assistant account executive, an office manager, two computer systems analysts and a young secretary, spanning the age range 23 to 55, only one (a systems analyst) was able to understand the question. I know no seven-year-old to try it on.

Incidentally, what are seven-year-olds doing with calculators before most of them can manage basic arithmetic?

Yours faithfully,

JOHN BRACE,
John Brace and Associates
(Marketing Communications),
11 Imperial Road, SW6.

From Mr P. M. Fenwick Elliott

Sir, Nine out of ten of the staff in my office were unable to solve the "calculator" test. The one who succeeded was immediately accused of having the mind of a seven-year-old.

Yours faithfully,

PHILIP M. FENWICK ELLIOTT,
20 Hanover Square, W1.

critical groups around Sellafield.

Moreover, if we include doses incurred from radionuclides already in the environment (as we surely must), the total dose is very close to, if not above, 300 microsieverts, a level considered by the National Radiological Protection Board to represent the maximum acceptable risk.

An authorisation to discharge cannot be allowed to proceed on this basis.

Yours faithfully,

DAVID SUMNER,
University of Glasgow,
Department of Medicine & Therapeutics,
Gardiner Institute, Western Infirmary, Glasgow.

English Heritage plans

From Mr Malcolm Crowder and Lady Weir

Sir, We endorse all Dame Jennifer Jenkins says (letter, November 11) about English Heritage's plans for "Managing England's Heritage". Our particular concern is the proposal to focus resources on Grade I and II* buildings and to confine grants for other historic buildings to those "in areas which combine townscape quality with financial material and social need".

As the Chief Executive, Jennifer Page, emphasised when launching English Heritage's "Buildings at Risk" survey (report, January 23), by

far the majority of buildings which constitute the historic heritage are listed Grade II. The survey revealed thousands to be at risk. By no means all of these are in areas which would qualify for grant.

We therefore urge English Heritage, when targeting its resources, to ensure that at the very least there is no reduction in the already inadequate provision made to assist the repair and restoration of Grade II buildings.

Yours faithfully,

MALCOLM D. CROWDER
(Chairman, UK Association of Preservation Trusts),
HILARY WEIR (Secretary),
The Architectural Heritage Fund,
27 John Adam Street, WC2.

Peking's pressure on Hong Kong

From Mr John Walden

Sir, If the Hong Kong political reforms mooted by Chris Patten (report, October 18) were to be implemented, the consequences would be as innocuous and unobjectionable as the Peking government's opposition to them (reports, November 17, 18, 19) is unreasonable and irrational. All the reforms do is slightly to enhance the potential of the 1995 legislature to perform its constitutional duty to hold the territory's non-elected executive accountable and discourage it from exercising its absolute powers in an arbitrary way.

A further advantage will be to give the Hong Kong legislature as a whole a more credible mandate to represent and speak for the people of Hong Kong, and so demonstrate that the territory is governed by democratic institutions and the rule of law.



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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 19: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

Sir Geoffrey de Deney was received by Her Majesty upon relinquishing his appointment as Clerk of the Privy Council.

November 19: The Prince Edward, Chairman, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this evening gave a Reception for the Diary Committee at Buckingham Palace.

November 19: The Princess Royal, President, International Equestrian Federation arrived this afternoon at Royal Air Force Lyneham in Wiltshire.

Mrs Timothy Holderness, Roddam was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
November 19: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother received this morning the Hon. A. Service in the Drawing Room for the Westminster Children's Hospital and the Westminster Children's Hospital.

The Hon. Mrs Rhodes and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 19: The Prince of Wales this morning attended the Department of the Environment/European Commission Conference on European Business and the Environment - The Future - at the European Commission, Brussels.

His Royal Highness subsequently attended a Meeting with the Directors General and Officials of the Environment and Agriculture Directorates.

Afterwards the Prince of Wales attended a Lunch given by the President of the Commission of the European Communities (Monseigneur Jacques Delors).

His Royal Highness later visited the Lutyns/Coates Exhibition organised by the British Council and the Fondation d'Architecture.

Finally, the Prince of Wales visited the Rue de Laeken reconstruction project, and met

Architects and others involved with the project.

Commander Richard Aylard was in attendance.

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ST JAMES'S PALACE
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The Duchess of Kent this morning opened Glastonbury Court for the elderly before going on to open the West Suffolk Hospital's New Kitchen and Dining Room.

Her Royal Highness later attended a Lunch for the Suffolk Association of Youth at Thurnham Magna, Suffolk.

Mrs David Napier was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE, RICHMOND PARK
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OBITUARIES

DOUGLAS BARRETT

Douglas Eric Barrett, scholar in Indian art, has died aged 75. He was born on March 10, 1917.

DOUGLAS Barrett was an outstanding Keeper of Oriental Antiquities at the British Museum and the most wide-ranging and influential scholar of his generation in the field of Indian art and architecture. Barrett's interest in art appeared while he was still in his teens. As a schoolboy in Oxford he came to the attention of the Keeper of the Ashmolean Museum, who encouraged him to handle objects there. After reading Greats at Oxford, Barrett had a distinguished career in the second world war as a Commando, taking part in a number of landings. Serving in Germany after the war, he oversaw the restitution of Beethoven's piano to its owners and was involved in the recovery of a number of works of art that had been hidden during hostilities.

In 1947 Barrett joined the British Museum and was initially given charge of the Islamic collections. A quick student, he soon produced an authoritative monograph on the Museum's Islamic metalwork.

India however, was his true love, and it was in this field that he made his greatest contribution to the Museum, as Assistant Keeper under Basil Gray and, from 1969 to



1977, as Keeper of Oriental Antiquities. Barrett's numerous acquisitions, made possible by the timely advent of the Brooke-Sewell Fund, raised the already rich Indian sculpture collections to their present pre-eminence. This meant not only filling gaps with judicious purchases, but ensuring that newly recognised aspects of Indian art were represented by objects of

the proper high standard. Barrett did this supremely well for he had the eye of a connoisseur — not as common among museum curators as might be thought — as well as the art historian's approach to objects. He was always abreast of scholarship in his field — and frequently led it.

Noted for his skill in negotiations, Barrett managed to acquire a bronze Buddha fig-

ure from both Gandhara and Gupta periods in North India, rare birds indeed. Guided by an unusually eclectic feeling for aesthetic values, he singled out for purchase among Kashmire bronzes a highly distinctive Avalokitesvara, to which he added a delectable ivory and wood panel.

With his love of the Tamil country and his intimate knowledge of the early Cola temples in which most of the finest South Indian bronze sculptures remain housed, Barrett, along with two Indian colleagues, brought the supreme achievements of the Southern bronze-casters to the attention of the world, as well as a small constellation of fine examples to the museum. He was an expert on Indian painting, acquiring a number of excellent pictures and collaborating with Gray on a standard survey work, *Painting of India*. To these and other acquisitions must be added the many gifts to the museum from Barrett himself.

Barrett's first major published work on Indian art was his study of the famous marble reliefs from Amaravati (1954), then being reinstated in the front hall of the museum according to his reconstruction of the Great Stupa they once adorned. This book revealed the intellectual rigour which gave a definitive impact to so much of his writing.

At the same time he met Madhuri Desai, director of his expertise.

the Bhulabhai Memorial Institute, Bombay, and, under her aegis he undertook, almost yearly, eleven tours in India, visiting every area with a distinctive regional tradition at least once. Barrett took to India like a *hamsa* (the Indian goose) to water. Wearing Indian dress, he was on occasion able to enter shrines forbidden to non-Hindus vouchsafed to his companions as a Kashmire Brahmin.

These study tours made Barrett a most discerning and widely informed western historian of Indian art. Outstanding among his writings are *Early Cola Bronzes* (1965) and *Cola Architecture and Sculpture* (1974). He also wrote short monographs on several Indian sites. A volume of his collected papers (1990) comprised his early and original work on the bronze and stone sculpture of north-west India and Pakistan; his studies of Deccani art, including further aspects of Amaravati; and articles on South Indian temples and bronzes.

Douglas Barrett married, first, Norah Eleanor Watts, who died in 1975. He is now immobile by a stroke, for two years after his retirement in 1977, he continued to take an active interest in Indian art with the support of his second wife, Mary. She survives him. To their home came scholars, curators and the paladins of the art trade, who benefited from his expertise.

FREDDIE MOORE

Freddie Moore, jazz drummer, singer and bandleader, died in New York on November 3 aged 92. He was born in Washington, North Carolina, on August 20, 1900.

ALMOST as old as jazz itself, Freddie Moore was one of the pioneers of jazz percussion, playing drums and washboard in a style he learned as a teenager in touring circus and minstrel shows. He made his name as the drummer with Joe "King" Oliver in the early 1930s, convening rehearsals and booking musicians for the legendary cornetist, who at this late stage in his career used a pistol to ensure that attendance at rehearsals was mandatory. "The thing that made the band cook was Freddie Moore's push-drumming... good old New Orleans beat, drums," recalled Clyde Bernhard, Oliver's trombonist.

Moore made his first records with Oliver in 1930, including "Rhythm Club Stomp". He had started playing at the age of 12, imitating other drummers and finally being allowed to sit in with the band at the Livery Stable Ballroom in New Bern, North Carolina, where he grew up. His first professional job was in A. G. Allen's minstrels, whom he joined after working as a delivery boy and in a circus sideshow act. He began as "Walking Gent" carrying

the band's coat to clean and dry them after street parades in readiness for the evening's show. He ended up taking the place of drummer Joe White, who had taught him percussive technique and trick effects.

The tricks and showmanship were to become hallmarks of Moore's style. "He had good credentials and a good beat," remembered Art Hodes, "and all the time those eyes were rolling. Funny cat."

Leaving the minstrels,

Freddie Moore became a figurehead of the revivalist movement, playing and recording with Art Hodes, Wild Bill Davison and Sidney Bechet. He came to Europe in 1954, sailing the Atlantic with trumpeter Lee Collins, but it was not until he returned to France the following year with Sammy Price that European audiences were able to appreciate fully his old-style playing.

In the 1960s he worked in New York with Tony Parenti and then Roy Eldridge at Ryans, before settling at the Red Blazer where he worked until the late 1980s.

A childhood accident had damaged one of his legs, and in his last years Moore played washboard in preference to drums as he became increasingly lame. Nevertheless he retained his strong beat, and his vocal style. Both came together in his song "Blues and Booze", first recorded in 1945, which audiences over the years came to identify with Moore. "Shoot the juice to me, Lucy. Shoot it to me all night long!"

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NEWS

British Rail's black day for jobs

The axe fell on nearly 10,000 workers as more firms buckled under the recession. British Rail stunned its workforce with an announcement that it is to shed 5,000 jobs within four months.

The Royal Bank of Scotland is to cut 3,500 staff over the next five years, the finance house Lombard North Central is shedding 400 and Eagle Star insurers are cutting 200 staff. Blue Circle, Britain's biggest cement maker, plans to cut 550 jobs by the middle of next year. Page 1

Hillsborough victim allowed to die

An historic High Court ruling that doctors could disconnect the feeding tube keeping Tony Bland, a Hillsborough victim, alive was greeted with overwhelming relief by the parents. Page 1, 3

Report defended

John Major dismissed charges that publication of the first school examination league tables had been "botched" by the government, as Labour demanded the withdrawal of the results. More than 30 schools have complained about inaccuracies in their published results and one is threatening to sue. Page 2

Irish confidence

Albert Reynolds, the Irish prime minister, whose popularity has plummeted since the general election campaign opened two weeks ago, claimed yesterday that the tide is turning in his favour. He pointed to the latest opinion poll as evidence that his party, Fianna Fáil, which had also heavily lost support, has turned the corner. Page 8

Treasure find

Gold and silver objects found in a Suffolk field by a retired gardener with his metal detector have been described by archaeologists as one of the most spectacular Roman hoards uncovered. Among the treasures Eric Lawes, 69, found were two silver figurines of a human bust and a tigress, silver containers, handfuls of silver spoons and decorative strainers, some with Latin words and the Chi Rho symbol inscribed on them. Page 1, 9

Gatt hope

Top American and European Community negotiators entered a second day of talks in Washington, with both sides increase

The West Side and inside story

West Side Story with its show-stopper song "Gee, Officer Krupke" is getting nighty applause in H.M. Prison, Wandsworth. The Jets and Sharks are convicts. They know a lot about falling foul of authority and when they launch into the opening sequence — brawls, tense expletives, a slashing knife — it is like a short fuse to a big explosion. Page 1



Book review: the Whiting Award winners: (biography) Victoria Glendinning for Trollope; (children's novel) Gillian Cross for The Great Elephant Chase; (first novel) Jeff Torrington for Swing Hammer Swing; (novel) Alasdair Gray for Poor Things; (poetry) Tony Harrison for The Gaze of the Gorgon. Page 8

BUSINESS

Sticking point: Industrial group Wassall, run by two former Hanson employees, launched a hostile £58.2 million takeover bid for Eviode, whose best-known product is Evi-Stik. Page 23

No joke: Euro Disney has failed to match forecasts of a first year profit made when it floated on the stockmarket in October 1989. But shareholders are rewarded with a small dividend. Page 23

Markets: Figures confirming another quarter of recession failed to dent the pound yesterday. Its trade-weighted index closed up 0.3 at 78.4 after a rise from £1.5240 to \$1.5325 and a slight fall from DM2.4219 to DM2.4155. Shares firmed a little, with the FT-SE 100 Index rising 2.2 points to close at 2706.2. Page 26

CITY

Early Christmas: 41 computer workers at the Bank of England were made redundant but returned to their desks as employees of another company. Pages 37-39

TECHNOLOGY

Alan Ayckbourn contemplates a year as a visiting professor of contemporary theatre at Oxford University. Page 33

Harry Eyes welcomes the first part of the five-part series The Big Battalions (Channel 4). Page 17

ENTERTAINMENT

Rugby union: Wales prepare for their international against Australia in Cardiff tomorrow with a new spring to their stride after wins over the world champions by Swansea and Llanelli. Gerald Davies acknowledges that progress has been made but sounds a warning against euphoria. Page 40

Travelling hopefully: Paul Gascoigne's performance in England's 4-0 win over Turkey on Wednesday has offered the promise of a swift and comfortable journey towards the World Cup finals. Page 44

SPORT

The promise by the Rt Rev Graham Leonard to lead priests and laity into the Latin church drew a warm response from the Roman Catholics. Page 1 and 5

CULTURE

Claudia Schiffer, 21, has been signed by Revlon for a multi-year exclusive contract as a model to promote Guess? perfume. Page 6

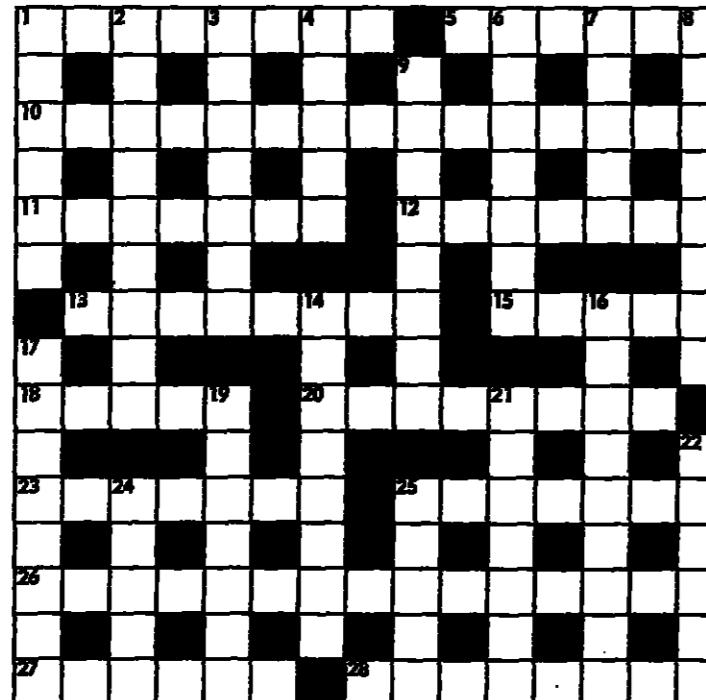
FASHION

Shirley MacLaine joined Liza Minnelli and other show-business figures in a concert to raise funds for the Aids Project charity in Los Angeles. Page 15

ENTERTAINMENT

Hillary Clinton was shown around the private quarters of the White House by Barbara Bush who had returned from house-hunting in Texas. Page 15

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24 One's father not partial to Hastings, for example? (8-7).

25 Shakespearian heroine — one Viola wronged (6).

28 ... card-player being Scandinavian (8).

DOWN

1 Go ashore and take the cover off a box, stay (6).

2 Rocker can damage the rail (7).

3 Royal attendant's queer name going by rail (7).

4 "He jests at that" that never felt a wound? (R. and J.) (5).

6 I feel unwell climbing with boy in hook-up (7).

7 One who has no use for animals (5).

8 A fountain like this in the neighbourhood (8).

9 Fine material with medium fade (8).

10 Joined forces in Bury Post Office and left (8).

11 Big Eddy, of 10? (9).

12 Georgia, with failure to show respect for Victorian brilliance (8).

13 Could this become the Near Eastern capital? (7).

14 Chignon of elite granny, possibly (7).

22 Nicked in pistol encounter (6).

24 Traveller's run accomplished (5).

25 Still lying soft (5).

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Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 8pm, 10C (50F), min 6pm to 8pm, 7C (45F). Humidity 60-70%. Wind: 4-6 Bft. Bar: mean sea level, 60pm, 1,014.3 mbars, 1010.1. 1,000 mbars = 29.53in.

FRIGESTONE LOWDOWN

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Torquay, Devon 18C (64F), highest night: Abersoch, North Wales 10C (50F). Lowest: St. Mawson, Cornwall, 5C (41F); highest sun: Aberdeen, Grampian, 3.7 hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 8pm, 10C (50F), min 6pm to 8pm, 7C (45F). Rain: 24hr to 8pm, 0.13m. Sun: 24hr to 8pm, 3.3hr.

GLASGOW

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Bank Buys

Australia \$ 2,335
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Bahrain 1,20
Canada \$ 2,07
Denmark Kr 9,25
Finland 6,51
France Fr 6,61
Germany Dm 2,030
Hong Kong \$ 0,97
Italy Lira 216,05
Japan Yen 205,00
Kuwaiti Dinar 1,047
Malta L 2,29
New Zealand \$ 1,02
Norway Kr 2,29
Portugal Esc 5,20
South Africa R 5,20
Spain Pta 179,25
Sweden Kr 9,25
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PETER TREVOR

A house, four cars and 34 holidays are among the winnings of Tim Smallburn who plays the supermarket competitor. Page 43

A live question

The High Court's ruling that Tony Bland should be allowed to die is both compassionate and correct. But it would be dangerous to see this case as setting any new ethical guidelines. Page 19

Corruption uncured

This week Mr de Klerk appeared reluctantly to accept that the rotteness of South Africa could extend to the very heart of his government. But ... doubts must remain as to whether [his response] offers a cure or a cover-up. Page 19

Hong Kong's hope

All Mr Patten needs ... is continued steady support. Where Hong Kong is concerned, the old China hands have not exactly covered Britain in glory. Page 19

BEN MACINTYRE

Sideburns are getting longer, punks are more prevalent, people in Nehru jackets are quoting Bob Dylan lyrics as if they meant something and love is in the air ... in Bill Clinton's America a sticky wave of Sixties nostalgia is sweeping the nation. Page 18

GRAHAM LEONARD

The situation which has arisen in the Church of England will ... bear very hard upon the orthodoxy. It would be of the greatest benefit to such people if they could make their communion in the Catholic Church. Page 18

ALAN RYAN

In America, as in Britain, patients have a right to refuse treatment; they can, and are increasingly encouraged to, make "living wills" that detail what they want done and more importantly what they don't want, if they are unable to decide for themselves. Page 18

Word Watching

Word Watching is with the concise crossword and the daily chess problem on. Page 44

A Federal Court adds injury to insult by ruling that Richard Nixon is entitled to payment for seized documents. *The New York Times*

CLOUDS

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c. cloud; f. fair; m. mist; a. sun.

CLOUDS

London 4.05 pm to 7.29 am

Bristol 4.15 pm to 7.38 am

Edinburgh 5.57 pm to 8.02 am

Manchester 4.05 pm to 7.46 am

Penzance 4.22 pm to 7.45 am

CLOUDS</div

ARTS 31-33

Sickert,
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Cup hopes hinge
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on
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BUSINESS
TODAY

PALE BLUE

IBM

IBM, "Big Blue", which once promised employees a job for life, has spent \$10 billion on redundancies and closures

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GAS PRESSURE

As the monopolies commission continues its enquiry into the gas market, profits at British Gas are being squeezed

Page 25

MORE STORES

After a series of disposals, Storehouse is back in profit and seeking to expand selling space

Page 25

TOMORROW

Carol Leonard discovers that Lord Stevens of Ludgate kneels beside his bed every night and clasps his hands to say his prayers

US dollar
1.5325 (+0.0085)
German mark
2.4155 (-0.0064)
Exchange index
78.4 (+0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

FT 30 share
2017.8 (+5.6)
FT-SE 100
2706.2 (+2.2)
New York Dow Jones
3212.77 (+5.40)*
Tokyo Nikkei Average
18871.31 (+92.47)

LONDON: Bank Base: 7%
3-month interbank: 7%
3-month eligible bills: 6%
US: Prime Rate: 6%
Fed Funds: 3.25-4%
3-month Treasury Bills: 3.14-3.13%
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INTEREST RATES

CURRENT RATES

BA facing action over Dan-Air and pay

By HARVEY ELLIOTT
AIR CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Airways yesterday faced a twin attack on its plans to develop a powerful scheduled network from Gatwick after its £1 takeover of Dan-Air.

Two rival airlines joined the Consumers Association in filing an application to the High Court asking for a full judicial review of the buy, which they claim 'breaches' European competition laws.

At the same time, BA staff at Gatwick plan to hold a mass meeting to endorse calls for an indefinite strike in protest over pay cuts of up to 30 per cent, which more than 1,000 employees will have to accept if they are to remain with the new low-cost airline.

The Transport and General Workers Union, as well as the GMB, claimed their members had voted overwhelmingly in favour of a strike.

BA said strike action would do 'nothing for our negotiations, nothing for Gatwick and nothing for the travel plans of thousands of passengers.'

British Midland, Virgin Atlantic and the Consumers Association are to request an expedited hearing in the High Court today, alleging that both the director-general of fair trading and Michael Heseltine, trade minister, failed in their duty by not insisting a full enquiry into the takeover as, they claim, is required by EC competition laws.

BA last night refused to comment on the move except to say the matter was in the hands of lawyers.

But Sir Colin Marshall, chief executive, said after the deal had been agreed: 'There were no other interested buyers or investors inside or outside the airline industry. Dan-Air's world was being allowed to grind to a halt. It is therefore interesting to note that the level of complaint against our move appears to be in direct proportion to the amount of disinterest shown in saving Dan-Air routes, aircraft and people by those who attack us.'

The group seeking the hearing claims its action is not directed at BA as such but is designed to 'flush out' the government's attitude and policy towards competition in the aviation industry.

C&W investors, please hold on

CABLE and Wireless frankly admits its recent earnings record has not been covered in glory. But the group is making up lost ground with interim pre-tax profits in the six months to September that are 8 per cent ahead at £378 million, and with interim net earnings up from 17.3p to 18p a share. The advances are complemented by a 12 per cent increase in the interim dividend to 4.75p a share.

So far this year, most things are going C&W's way. The recent partnership with Canada's BCE telecommunications group is the start of a promising international relationship. The traffic between Hong Kong and China is increasing apace. Group margins have improved. Lord Young of Graffham, chairman, and Rod Olsen, finance director, say the benefits of recently introduced financial disciplines will soon work their way through to the profits line.

C&W has a way to go before all its ratios sing, but profit is being generated more evenly as operations outside the Asia-Pacific region gather strength. Trading profits in Britain and Europe were 38 per cent higher at £97 million on a 23 per cent increase in turnover, and margins advanced from 13 to 15 per cent. The daily call volume at Mercury group rose from 6.4 million to 9.7 million.

C&W suffered a £106 million cash outflow in the first half, and the cash outflow in the second half could be £200 million. But C&W will not be



Ringing the world: Lord Young, left, with Rod Olsen, of Cable and Wireless

diverted from fresh opportunities should they arise. Pre-tax profits could be between £310 million and £320 million (£643.5 million) in the year to next March, and challenge the £1 billion barrier in 1994. At 653p, up 9p, on 17.8 times prospective earnings, the shares remain a buy up to 680p.

Euro Disney

THE 40,000 British private shareholders in Euro Disney have suffered something of a

roller-coaster ride since the shares were issued in October 1989. The price has plummeted from a high of 16.57 just before the theme park opened in April.

Yesterday, the shares fell 40p to 860p, against an offer price of 707p, after Euro Disney reported FFr180 million loss for the year to September 30, and said it expected a loss for the first six months of the current year.

Euro Disney adds: 'We expect significant improvement in the second half of the year.'

However, we do not anticipate that we will achieve profitability for the entire year.'

The parent Walt Disney company has deferred its management fee of 3 per cent of total revenues for this year and next. Its eventual payment is concomitant on profitability at Euro Disney.

Shareholders, who get a one frank dividend, might just as well hold on for the next thrilling ride. Oddly enough, shareholders would have been no better off investing their money in Walt Disney Co.

Bond found not guilty of dishonesty at retrial

FROM REUTER IN PERTH

ALAN Bond, the bankrupt Australian entrepreneur, was yesterday found not guilty of dishonesty at a retrial, three months after his original conviction was quashed and a fresh trial ordered.

A district court jury took two hours to deliver its verdict after the four-day trial. Mr Bond, 54, told reporters outside the court that the charge had never had any basis. Prosecutors had alleged that Bond, while lobbying Brian Coppin,

a businessman, for cash to rescue Rothwells, a merchant bank, concealed from him that Bond's then flagship company, Bond Corporation Holdings, would win a A\$16 million (£7.2 million) fee for the operation.

The former tycoon was sentenced to a 24-year jail term after his first trial. In May, but the conviction was quashed in August on appeal. Mr Bond served three months of the sentence.

Building society lending rises

BY LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

BUILDING societies lent a little more in October than in September, with gross lending up from £1.8 billion to £2 billion. However, it was less than half the August total of £4.3 billion.

Net mortgage advances increased from last month's low of £446 million to £683 million. Net commitments increased from £1.8 billion to £2.2 billion.

Mark Boalot, director-general of the Building Societies Association, said: 'The pickup in both gross and net new com-

mitments last month, although very modest, occurred against the backdrop of considerable uncertainty in the financial markets and extinguished household confidence. The benefits of the cumulative 3 per cent reduction in UK base rates since late September, allied with the measure announced in the Autumn Statement to reduce the overhang of unsold properties by 20,000, will help to improve underlying sentiment towards the housing market over the coming months. Although seasonal factors will

inevitably obscure any positive developments over the winter period, the longer-term prospect is for some rebuilding in lending volumes and the level of transactions.'

Societies had a savings inflow of £281 million in October, after an outflow of £264 million in September. This compares with an inflow of £529 million a year ago.

Mr Boalot said: 'The positive inflow of savings into building society accounts in October marked a welcome turnaround from the September position.'

COMPANY PROFILE

SHERIFF HOLDINGS (Fin)

Pre-tax: £896,000
EPS: 6.7p (3.4p)
Div: 1p, mkg 2p

PENINA (Int)

Pre-tax: £1.03m

EPS: 13.8p (LPS: 3.9p)

Div: 3p (1p)

FOWARD GROUP (Int)

Pre-tax: £491,000

EPS: 4.5p (1.9p)

Div: 1.3p (1p)

RODITIME (Fin)

Pre-tax: £1.69m

EPS: 0.8c (LPS: 16c)

Div: None

HARDY OIL & GAS (Int)

Pre-tax: £527,000

EPS: 5.2p (5.2p)

Div: None

LOCKER (THOMAS) (Int)

Pre-tax: £28,000

EPS: 0.40p (LPS: 0.61p)

Div: 0.35p (0.35p)

Last time's profit was £312,000. There is a proposed subscription and open offer, at 75p, to raise £2.85m to reduce borrowings.

There was a loss of £251,000 last time. Turnover rose to £5.42m (£3.25m). Fee income from Sanders & Sidney up 68 per cent.

Last time's profit was £203,000. Turnover rose to £5.77m (£4.68m). Operating profit advanced to £597,000 (£316,000).

Comparative figures have been restated. There was a £22.4m loss last time. Bank indebtedness has been reduced by £14.5m.

Last time's profit was £1.74m. Turnover rose to £21.1m (£19.3m). Company expects a stronger performance in the second half.

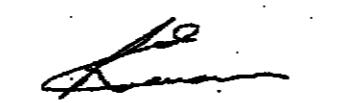
There was a loss of £284,000 last time. The proposed sale of South African subsidiary will result in a £509,000 extraordinary loss.

British Gas plc. 1992 Third Quarter Results.

Chairman's Statement

'The results for the third quarter were at a similar level to last year. Although UK Gas Supply benefited from slightly colder than normal weather, this was substantially offset by the combined effect of lower selling prices in the tariff market and a reduced share of the firm contract market. Operating

profits in other business segments were little changed from last year.'


ROBERT EVANS CEO & CHAIRMAN 20 NOVEMBER 1992

Copies of the 1992 Third Quarter Results are available from: British Gas plc, Shareholder Enquiry Office, Rivermill House, 152 Grosvenor Road, London SW1V 3JL. Telephone 071 834 2000.

THE RESULTS AT A GLANCE

	3 months ended 30 September		9 months ended 30 September	
	Current cost £M	Historical cost £M	Current cost £M	Historical cost £M
Turnover	1,411	1,344	1,411	1,344
Profit/(loss) before taxation	(342)	(358)	(282)	(318)
Profit/(loss) attributable to shareholders	(250)	(250)	(190)	(210)
Earnings/(loss) per ordinary share	(5.8)p	(5.9)p	(4.4)p	(4.9)p
	5.8p	5.8p	11.5p	10.4p
			18.0p	

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Slump knocks 40% off Yorkshire Bank profit

RECESSION and a sharp rise in business failures in the North West cut 40 per cent off Yorkshire Bank's profits in the year to September 30. Pre-tax profits at the bank, which was bought by National Australia Bank in 1989, fell by £42 million to £64.6 million as bad debt provisions rose 76 per cent to £134 million. Despite the fall, the bank was forced to treble its dividend payments to NAB, to a record £85 million.

Yorkshire is expanding its network outside its home county and opened five more branches during the year in East Anglia and the West Country. Clydesdale, the Scottish bank and NAB's other main British subsidiary, suffered an 8 per cent fall in profit to £59 million. That was caused by an £8.4 million exceptional provision for restructuring costs. Bad debts fell by a third to £37.4 million but this was offset by a strong rise in operating profits to £105 million. The figures from the bank had a heavy impact on the figures at NAB, where profits fell 6 per cent to £367.5 million (£305 million).

Heath cuts dividend

A SLUMP in half-year profits has forced CE Heath, the insurance broker, to cut its interim dividend by a third to 5p. The final payout is likely to be 11p. Heath blamed the cut on adverse currency movements and lower interest rates. These cut half-year pre-tax profits by 28 per cent, to £8.9 million. Profits from broking fell by a quarter to £4.7 million, despite an 11 per cent rise in income to £51.2 million. Underwriting profits fell by £2.7 million to £4.2 million, the group having reduced its exposure to that business. There will be an extraordinary loss of £4.94 million from the flotation last June of Heath's Australian subsidiary. Profits of computer services fell by £40,000 to £1.7 million.

Cater Allen payout rises

CATER Allen, the discount house believed to be in bid negotiations with Union Discount, its rival, is increasing its interim dividend 1p to 7p. The firm, which does not have to report complete half-year figures until 1994 because of a loophole in company law, said its Lloyd's insurance subsidiaries had made a loss. This, however, was more than compensated for by rising profit from the main discount house, stock lending, and the banking subsidiary in Jersey. The financial futures business turned round to show a small profit. James Barclay, Cater's chairman, refused to confirm or deny suggestions that he was planning a bid for Union Discount, whose shares rose from 7p to 9p.

Hogg Robinson slips

HOGG Robinson, the travel, transport and financial services group, is increasing its interim dividend from 2.5p to 2.6p, despite a fall in profits from £10.85 million in the six months to September 30. Profits from transport rose from £2.11 million to £3.2 million and those from financial services from £2.2 million to £2.4 million. These increases were offset by a decline in travel profits from £5.5 million to £4.3 million and losses of £26.000 in computer services, which earned £24,000 last time.

Filofax celebrates

RETAILERS ordering Christmas stocks of Filofax products earlier than usual provided an unseasonal boost to the US-based personal organiser and stationery group. The company, which was turned around by new management and a cash injection in 199

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British Gas profits slip as competitors dent market share

By ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

INCREASED competition in the industrial market and a cut in household gas prices caused a "disappointing" third quarter at British Gas, despite an early cold snap.

Pre-tax profits in the three months to end-September slipped 11.3 per cent to £282 million. Acknowledging his disappointment at the results, Cedric Brown, the chief executive, said: "What they demonstrate is that the squeeze on the company from the development of competition is continuing."

With the findings of a Monopolies and Mergers Commission enquiry into the United Kingdom gas market, not expected until July, British Gas has been forced to put most of its re-organisation plans on hold. Mr Brown said this had constrained its ability to achieve efficiency savings, although staff numbers had nonetheless been reduced by 1,500 this year, to 70,000.

British Gas is unable to respond to increased competition until it knows the outcome of a monopolies enquiry into the gas market, which is not expected until July.

The volume of gas sales, in some areas, has shown a steep decline. Overall sales in the first nine months are down 3 per cent year-on-year.

During the latest quarter, sales in the tariff, or small business and domestic market, rose strongly. But the company had earlier been forced by regulators to cut prices by 5 per cent.

At the same time, rival suppliers continued to carve out larger shares of purchases by big industrial customers. British Gas's share of the firm contract market has shrunk to 58 per cent, down almost a quarter on the same period a year ago.

New moves to cut central costs are likely in January, when a consultant's report

into redeployment of 4,000 London head office staff should be complete.

But the growth of the business is increasingly concentrated in the exploration and production side. Mr Brown said work to increase exploitation of the company's oil and gas reserves on the United Kingdom continental shelf was making good progress.

Talks over developing huge reserves in Kazakhstan in the Confederation of Independent States are "making good progress". Under the proposed deal, British Gas and Agip will establish a 50-50 joint venture to invest \$6 billion over ten years to modernise and increase production there. A deal would double British Gas's reserves.

STOREHOUSE, the BHS and Mothercare retail group, has emerged from its recent spate of disposals in search of expansion (Our City Staff writes).

David Dworkin, the chief executive, is seeking an expansion of selling space of between 3 and 5 per cent a year. The group has also earmarked

40 towns and cities for future store openings, although these will occur at the rate of three a year at best.

The results for the half year to October 10 still show the scars of the eighties expansion. Pre-tax profits reached £3.1 million, against a £13.9 million loss a year ago. But an effective £20.4 million has

BUSINESS NEWS 25

Shake-up of pension monitoring urged

By SARA MCCONNELL

COMPANY pension schemes should be monitored by a single body "with clearly defined responsibilities" developed from an expanded and strengthened Occupational Pensions Board, the National Association of Pension Funds said yesterday.

In its response to the consultative document issued in September by Professor Roy Goode's Pension Law Review Committee, the association's working party also repeated its call for a compulsory risk-related compensation scheme to support the proposed single body.

That should be triggered when a company goes into liquidation and there is a shortfall in the fund.

In a reference to the Maxwell affair, Brian MacMahon, chairman, told the association's annual conference: "It is the responsibility of those involved in the provision of company pensions to ensure that never again should pensioners have to lobby Parliament because their company pension scheme has failed."



Broader outlook: David Dworkin, of Storehouse, who has earmarked 40 towns and cities for openings

Storehouse launches drive for expansion

NatWest seeks to lift pollution cloud over banks

Bank's plan aims to protect lenders from paying for pollution, writes Neil Bennett



Neil Bennett

THE head of National Westminster Bank will today propose a six-point package to protect banks from the risk of paying for environmental clean-up operations, expected to cost billions of pounds.

Derek Wanless, NatWest's chief executive, will unveil his proposals at the European Business and the Environment conference in Brussels. They are designed to ensure that banks can continue lending to chemical and engineering companies free from the danger that future legislation will force them to foot the pollution bill.

Banks are becoming increasingly worried about the risks of lending to potential polluters because of continuing uncertainty about European environmental legislation. Lenders are worried that future laws will order companies to carry out expensive de-contamination work. If the company were unable to pay for this, its bankers could be forced to pay the bill, since they hold land and plant as security.

Mr Wanless admitted that NatWest was starting to refuse loans to potential polluters. "We have certainly walked away from some deals. We are always trying to assess risk and we find it very difficult in this area. We have a clear preference for becoming involved in businesses that are environmentally sound."

"It is bad enough to lend £100 and lose it. But imagine if we lose it and take on an unquantifiable environmental liability," he added.

Mr Wanless accused the

European Commission and European environmental policy of departing from the basic principle that the polluter should pay. "In the event that the polluter cannot pay, then the liability should be treated as a social cost," he said.

His package of recommendations includes:

- Liability for environmental damage should rest squarely on those who cause pollution.
- Legislation should make clear that lenders can hold land as security on a loan without fear of facing environmental liability.
- Companies that carry out their operations with due diligence should have a defence from paying for clean-up costs.
- Borrowers and property sellers must have a duty to reveal any information about possible contamination.
- Environmental liability should not be imposed retrospectively.
- The EC should develop standards and training programmes for the assessment of potentially polluted sites.

Mr Wanless said the proposals would allow banks to finance companies to help them carry out clean-up operations. The existing proposals, by contrast, would frighten them away.

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ACT lifts profit to £9.5m

ACT Group, the Birmingham computer services company, lifted pre-tax profits 24.8 per cent to £19.54 million in the half year to end-September. Turnover, boosted by acquisition, advanced 37.1 per cent to £72.1 million, with about 20 per cent of sales now overseas.

ACT, formerly known as Apricot until it sold its hardware arm to Mitsubishi of Japan in 1990, continued to maintain significant cash balances, which stood at £21.3 million at the interim stage. Earnings climb to 5.34p (5.13p) a share. The interim dividend is raised to 1.75p (1.50p) a share.

EC inflation at 4%

The European Community's annual inflation rate was 4 per cent in October, unchanged from September and compared with 4.4 per cent in October 1991. The lowest monthly rise was in Spain (0.1 per cent) followed by Belgium, Denmark and The Netherlands (all 0.2 per cent) Germany and France (0.3 per cent) Britain and Portugal (0.4 per cent) Luxembourg (0.5 per cent) and Italy (0.6 per cent). Greece again recorded the sharpest rise (2.4 per cent) after a 4.1 per cent rise in September.

Bristol Post jumps

Rationalisation and tight cost controls helped Bristol Evening Post, the West Country newspaper group, lift pre-tax profits 44 per cent to £2.83 million in the 26 weeks to end-September. Turnover edged up to £33.5 million (£32.4 million), but advertising remained depressed. There was an exceptional gain of £88,000. Earnings rose to 7.95p (6.04p) a share. The interim dividend is increased to 4p (3.75p).

Tea factory deal

Lyons Tetley, part of Allied Lyons, is setting up a tea factory in Budapest. The factory, a joint venture with Edusco, one of Germany's largest coffee companies, will start early next year. The Hungarians, like most eastern Europeans, drink mainly coffee, saving tea for special occasions.

STOCK MARKET

Raiders drive down Lasmo shares

THE fall from grace of Lasmo remains one of the current great mysteries of the Square Mile. Several institutions were in such a rush to dispose of their holdings yesterday, that they were prepared to dump the stock at a discount to the ruling market price.

Shares of the oil exploration group were again in decline, losing an early lead to finish 2p cheaper at 162p after one seller unloaded 400,000 at 160p and, later in the day, another sold a further 50,000 at 161.4p.

Brokers talk of impending bad news from the group, although no one is willing to be specific. Last account bear raiders drove the shares down to a low of 112p.

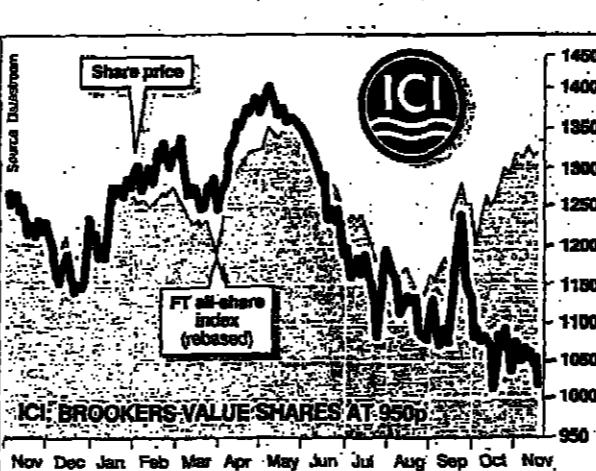
The rest of the equity market consolidated its position above the 2,700 level in spite of the latest batch of economic indicators showing Britain still in the grip of recession. The FTSE 100 index had to contend with a large seller of the December future in early trading. But the future continues to trade at a premium to the cash market and this, combined with some cheerful cor-

porate news and hopes of a solution being reached in the Gatt world trade talks, enabled it to finish with a small rise on the day. It ended 2.2 up to 2,706.2, as turnover reached 659 million shares.

ICI fell 24p to £10.13 after Smith New Court published a review of the company's proposed demerger. It concludes there is little upside short-term and that its current valuation for the shares of 950p indicates they should be sold. It would avoid the bio-division, but would, subject to clarification of the dividend policy, buy the chemical division for its earnings recovery potential through 1994/5.

BAA Group put in a late spur, rising 17p to 750p on talk of a visit by analysts to Stansted airport. Cable and Wireless jumped 11p to 653p helped by a 36 per cent rise in 1991 pre-tax profits to £94 million.

BT eased 2p to 394p on further consideration of the government's decision to sell another tranche of shares estimated to be worth about £5 million. But brokers say such a move is unlikely until the



ICI BROKERS' VALUE SHARES AT 950p

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partly paid shares become fully paid in March. Euro Disney tumbled 35p to 865p after weighing in with losses for the first full year of operations of its theme park on the outskirts of Paris of £118 million (£23 million).

Blue Circle Industries shrugged off an early markdown to finish 2p firmer at 177p despite a warning that profits for the current year would be hit by losses of £20 million relating to write-downs in its property division.

sponded with a rise of 1p to 186p, after 189p.

Royal Bank of Scotland rose 7p to 187p after announcing plans to shed 3,500 jobs during the next five years. The job losses form part of a reorganisation plan for the group's 800 branches designed to make them more efficient and increase profitability by £200 million a year.

Evode, the Eustick glue manufacturer, surged 19p to 91p after receiving a hostile bid from Wassall, the fast-growing industrial conglomerate. Wassall is offering 80p a share valuing the group at £93 million. Wassall, which intends to help finance the bid with a rights issue of convertible stock, fell 15p to 183p.

Union Discount, the discount and financial services group, continued to respond positively to news of a bid approach, with the shares rising 25p to 96p, for a two day gain of 36p. Carter Allast, which owns 3 per cent of Union Discount, jumped 4p to 385p on encouraging first-half figures.

MICHAEL CLARK

New York — Wall Street shares were firm in early trading, garnering support from favourable earnings, a firm secondary tier strength in the Dow transports, and the expiration of options on Friday, traders said.

The Dow Jones industrial

average was up 3.24 points to 3,210.61.

Tokyo — Shares pushed

from their technical rally into a second day and the Nikkei

closed firmer, up 92.47

points, or 0.55 per cent, to

16,871.31, with about 320

million shares traded. (Reuter)

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COMMENT

Blue Circle wields the red pencil

Another rash of job losses does nothing to help rebuild the confidence needed to act as a fuse to detonate faster economic recovery. Among yesterday's announcements, however, one of the smaller was far more serious than the others. Blue Circle, the dominant cement manufacturer and a noted bellwether for a large part of the economy tied to construction, housing and investment, to cut deeply into its permanent productive capacity. Its domestic cement capacity is to be cut by 15 per cent, albeit half of the axed capacity will be mothballed. The timing of the cut, which was much bigger than expected a couple of months ago, owes something to a generational change of senior management. More alarmingly, it stems from a study of the market that suggests that demand for cement will not return to its 1989 peak this century.

On the stock market, this savage realism was understandably greeted with approval. Assuming no pickup in the next five weeks, cement demand this year will be 30 per cent lower than in 1989. Blue Circle's own capacity usage was about 90 per cent that year, against full capacity output in 1988 before extra capacity became available elsewhere, including its own imports from Denmark. This year, Blue Circle has operated at about 70 per cent capacity, which should rise, after the cuts, to 80 per cent or more in 1993, without any fancy assumptions about the economy or the construction industry.

Like many basic industry groups, Blue Circle has been hanging on in the hope that the recession would soon end but can wait no longer. Like others, its projections appear to show that this has been more than a normal cyclical downturn and that demand will not bounce right back but resume growth from a drastically lower base. Such reasoning, spread across businesses large and small, is unfortunately self-fulfilling. Cuts in capacity will dampen recovery and effectively rule out anything approaching a boom in the next few years, since a sustained surge in demand would soon have to be met by imports or become inflationary. Industry's pressing financial need to come to grips with today's problems could make life harder in a few year's time.

Low tide

Meanwhile, back at what used to be the coalface, economic signals show the sort of churning that takes place at the change of the tide. Bank and building society lending sprung back in October from what may prove their nadir while both money measures expanded healthily. Special factors were at work in bank lending, since corporate borrowing in sterling rather than foreign currencies had suddenly become more attractive, but increased commitments by building societies ahead of the dead period of the year are encouraging.

There are no such glimmers of hope in the output figures for the third quarter, which fell 0.3 per cent, excluding oil and gas, before allowing for a likely further fall in construction. That compares with a 0.1 per cent rise in the second quarter, tending to confirm the fears of the financial markets that the economy was heading for a second dip before the Cabinet was forced, kicking and screaming, to devalue. The Treasury's forecast that the economy will have shrunk about 1 per cent by the end of the year implies some further fall in the final quarter, which seems realistic given the momentum. As this week's conflicting reports on retail sales suggested, statistics may not show what is really happening while people adapt to new fiscal and monetary policies. The Chancellor might do well to opt for a late final spring Budget. Only by the spring will it be apparent if business and consumers are responding to his new signals. If not, more will need to be done.

Many people believe the sum of IBM's parts is worth more than the whole. Philip Robinson looks at the possibility of the group being split up

For more than a generation, sing the company song praising its founder TJ Watson whose blend of austere personality and super salesman laid the groundwork for creating the world's largest computer maker. He encouraged church-like behaviour, insisted that male staff wore dark suits and white shirts, banned smoking in the office during decades while smoking was fashionable, and plastered every wall from the boardroom to the toilet with the sign "THINK".

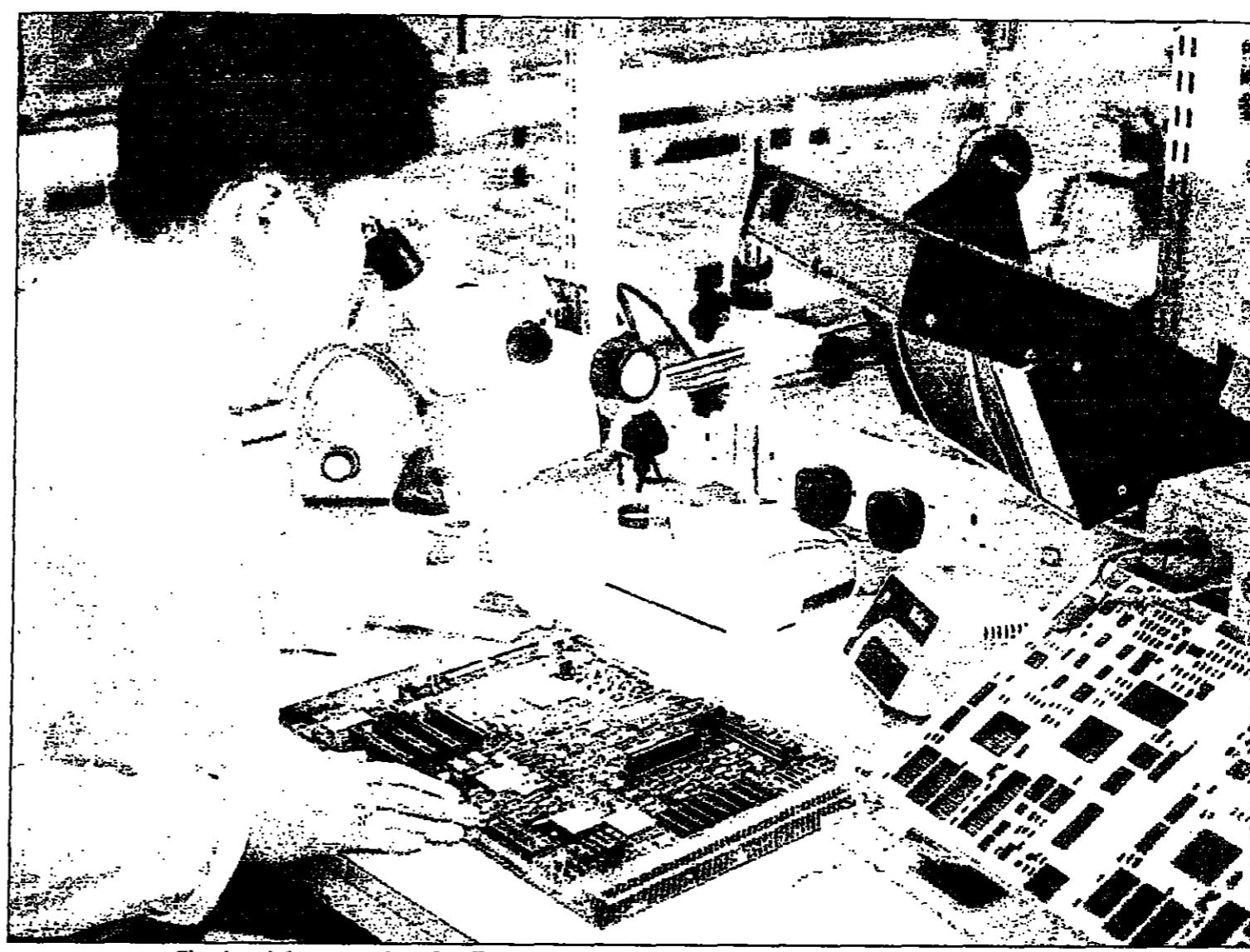
Five chief executives later, the empire that became known as Big Blue is turning pale. The company that promised employees a job for life is cutting staff at an unprecedented rate. The final tally for this year is expected within six weeks. So far, an estimated 40,000 jobs will have been axed around the world, but the final figure could be much higher. It is unclear how many of these will come from among the 20,000 IBM employees in Britain, its most important base outside America.

IBM's drastic surgery cost it \$10 billion to remove 60,000 from the payroll in the past two years and close factories. At the current rate, that works out at just over £100,000 a job. The numbers are already twice what had been expected by IBM management, but generous redundancy terms prompted staff to rush for the exits. The gravy train is drying up. Industry sources say IBM can no longer afford such payoffs and if the latest round of job cuts is insufficient to bring costs down, the next will be much less attractive.

Personnel cuts are only part of what is worrying Wall Street. IBM shares have collapsed in the past two months to a point where there is now serious concern over the dividend. The apparent slow progress of John Akers, chairman and chief executive, to demonstrate the success of his master plan has prompted calls by shareholders for the company to be broken up — a move the US government tried for 13 years, but abandoned a decade ago.

The US justice department wanted dissection on anti-competitive grounds claiming IBM's monopoly was too powerful. The shareholders' motives are much simpler: they believe the sum of IBM's parts is worth more than the whole.

Third-quarter losses ignited that call. They doused hopes that IBM's core business of mainframe computers was improving and that costs were coming down. It sent the shares into free fall. IBM's price has halved in the past two years and is down 37 per cent so far this year to a new year's low of \$63.125, a figure close to its book value and ranking it among the worst performing shares in the past



Circuit training: a member of staff at IBM's plant at Greenock, Scotland, studying part of a computer

12 years. Valued in the market at \$36 billion, it is twice the size of Hanson, two and a half times larger than Marks and Spencer and three times bigger than GEC.

Among the Fortune 500, it is ranked fourth largest on sales but 267th for its rate of return to shareholders. Their anger is rising. One West Coast money manager forecasts the shares would rise between 10 and 20 per cent if Mr Akers resigned, and the United Shareholders Association, a Washington ginger group, has tabled four challenges at IBM's meeting next April. They want the company to sell assets, split the chairman and chief executive jobs, create a committee of independent directors and tie pay to performance.

Ralph Whitworth, USA executive director, said: "IBM is in a critical condition, it's time for a second opinion." Daniel Benton, an Goldman Sachs, said it was difficult to see a reversal in IBM's fortunes as a huge company that is simply eroding.

Others have been cutting profit expectations for this year by between a third and a half. Dan Mandresh, of Merrill Lynch, an acknowledged optimist about the company, cut his forecast from \$4.5 billion to \$3.1 billion. John Jones, of Salomon Brothers, estimates \$2.3 billion this year and \$2.7 billion next. In July,

the consensus was for this year's profits to total almost \$5 billion.

Industry experts say IBM has been caught in a classic trap: sales of its highly profitable mainframe computers have been falling, it is fighting a cut-throat price war in the middle and personal computer markets and gross profit margins are falling faster than costs.

As a government-sized bureaucracy that last year employed 350,000 people, IBM has been ill-equipped to keep pace with the recent rapidly changing demands of customers. Snapping up its market share have been smaller companies, such as Apple and Compaq, whose lean and nimble structures allow more flexibility for a sudden change of direction to follow the consumer.

IBM is now aiming for a much numbers image. Mr Akers wants the company's 13 separate businesses to be concentrated into six main divisions. It has already consolidated its personal computer business into a \$7 billion company, the largest PC corporation in the world. But analysts say there has been slow progress elsewhere. Some have already produced their own plans, which divide IBM's operations into neat packages to be spun off immediately on the stock market. By one calculation, the

market valuation of five of IBM's non-mainframe business could total almost as much as the entire company. One estimate puts a \$39 billion value on the mainframe business alone and according to Adstar, the British business that makes storage devices, tape drives and software, is worth \$17.4 billion. Broken up, observers say IBM's market value could almost double to about \$70 billion.

One Chicago analyst estimates that a flotation of all 13 businesses would triple shareholder value. Mr Jones, of Salomon, said: "Next year will be the real test. The company's strategy is appropriate; now we will have to see how it is executed. Progress there is being partly obscured at the moment by the general economic problems, but we should have a clearer idea on whether IBM can be turned around by the end of next year."

"We got these shares as a hold and are telling clients that if they have a two- or more-year time horizon they should buy them. We think it has enough cash flow to keep the dividend safe." For Mr Akers, time will be 58 days after Christmas and, under IBM rules, retires in two years. He took charge in 1985, after spending most of his working life in the company, with the stated ambition to lift sales to \$100 billion before

he left. IBM's sales are \$64 billion and falling.

Robert Puffer, a director with The Garner Group, the Connecticut industry watchdog, said: "IBM left it very late to bite the bullet. It wasn't until 1985 that they had any really serious competition and by then they had become complacent and very fat. But they have cut out a lot of dead weight. They're now in a transition phase and whether they recover quickly or slowly will depend to a large degree on the performance of the global economy."

The pace of IBM's entry into new fields with new products has picked up. In the past few months it has announced a series of desk-top and notebook computers at discount prices, which would have been unthinkable only five years ago.

Its recent track record is not that of a pioneer. It took 11 years to get into the mini-computer business, four years to enter the personal computer market (Apple led the field in 1977), five years to develop engineering work stations and pc-compatible laptops and three years to develop the latest generation of work stations.

Recently, Mr Akers said: "We have all the habits that generated one of the most successful enterprises in business history. We also have the habits of a business that hasn't performed up to our expectations."

THE TIMES CITY DIARY



Crawford to cross border

THE new year will bring with it a move to London from Edinburgh for the Crawford family now that Roly Crawford, 34, father-of-three, has resigned from County NatWest to join Barclays de Zoete Wedd. Crawford, who joined County from Life Association of Scotland, a small, local insurance company, seven years ago, and was caught almost everything he knows about the investment trust market by Hamish Buchan, County's director of investment trust research, is joining BZW as head of its investment trust research division. "He has taught me a lot, too," counters the inimitable Buchan amiably, "and we will be sorry to see him go, but he is young, keen and ambitious and he feels the time has come to flee the nest." Transferring to BZW with Crawford, who will remain with CNW until the end of the year, will be Donald Adamson, a consultant. Adamson will continue to operate from his Jersey home. Buchan, who belongs to no less than five golf clubs, says they will not rush to fill the void created by Crawford's departure. "He only resigned on Tuesday and we want to make sure that we consider all the options."



clipped by the controversial oil magnate. Some are wily and shrewd, one was pure whimsy. It seems that because of his name, many people thought he was Mr Arm and Hammer, as in the well-known baking soda in America. This irritated Hammer so much that he felt impelled to get his own company, Occidental, to buy a stake in Church & Dwight, which manufactures the soda product. It duly acquired 1.1 million shares in C&D, thereby allowing Hammer to say that he did make Arm and Hammer baking soda after all.

Starring role

ENSKILDA Banken, the Swedish bank, sponsored the Barbican's production of Peer Gynt by Norwegian composer Grieg on Wednesday, but few in the audience will have realised that it supplied one of the star soloists, too. Roger Gifford, head of ENSKILDA's

London branch, was singled out from the rest of the Tallis Chamber Choir, of which he is a regular member, to perform a solo. He shared centre stage with Simon Callow, the actor who was the narrator. Gifford's appearance was, of course, based purely on merit and had nothing to do with ENSKILDA being the sponsor. "The conductor didn't even know who I was," Gifford says. Gifford, 37, has, in fact, extensive singing experience. He was a chorboy at St Andrews, sang at Trinity College, Oxford, and has also sung at St John's, Smith Square. Despite this, and a well received performance, the vast Barbican auditorium seems to have made Gifford nervous. "It's a very odd sensation having thousands of ordinary, calm people staring at your socks," Gifford explains.

Empire spirit

ONCE you have held the reins of power, it is hard to let go. Lord Young of Graffham, not that long out of active government service, and now chairman of Cable and Wireless, was waxing at yesterday's interim results conference about Cable and Wireless's global ambitions. The group's full interim report illustrates his spirit of empire. Cable and Wireless writes about various international operations in the following manner (sic) — "Elsewhere in the region Macau (51 per cent owned) ... Yemen (65 per cent owned), Jamaica (79 per cent owned)." Perhaps someone should inform the outposts.

CAROL LEONARD

Clash of opinions on proposed buy-back of Amstrad

From Mr Alan Sugar

Sir, I refer to Mr Lakmaker's letter in Wednesday's business section. He scolds me for being condescending and warns me against treating shareholders like idiots.

Having ticked me off, he then reinforces my point by blithely stating that I am offering shareholders 30p for shares which he claims have a net asset value of 69p. Wrong. The net asset value is 46.3p at

shareholders' confusion. May I please ask shareholders once again to read the offer document carefully and if they do not understand it seek advice from somebody who does before lashing out with unqualified statements.

As an aside, it is interesting to note, perhaps, that the market valued the company on the day that my offer was announced, at a mere 23.5p a share.

Yours faithfully,

ALAN M. SUGAR,

Chairman,

Amstrad Plc,

Brentwood House,

169 Kings Road,

Brentwood, Essex.

From Ms Frances Leckie

Sir, I am writing to you as a small shareholder in Amstrad,

holding just 10,000 shares,

and having today received

notification from my broker of

the proposal that the company be taken private by its chairman.

Having always presumed a

basis of fair play in English

law, I was horrified to discover

that Alan Sugar is legally able

to purchase each and every

share in the company at a price which bears no relation to what the current holders paid for them, or to the underlying net asset value. It seems even more incredible that he can borrow money from the company itself to fund his acquisition.

Accepted wisdom seems to be that shareholders cannot hope for any better proposition than that being made by Alan Sugar — and no doubt he has obtained agreement from the institutional shareholders to vote his way, before making the offer.

I feel that, as usual, the interests of small shareholders — of which there are many in this "popular" company — are being completely disregarded. Many I am sure, are in the same position as me, having paid considerably more than the 30p offer price, yet without any individual leverage to influence the outcome of the vote, or any option but to accept a loss on their investment.

Yours faithfully,

FRANCES LECKIE,

Two Bolsover Court,

Eastbourne,

East Sussex.

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Bank charges and changing foreign currency cheques into sterling

From Mrs P. Van Rappard

Sir, Following hard on the heels of John Major and Norman Lamont in their recently declared intentions of pursuing the banks over various forms of perceived "bad practice" I would like to join in the current climate of criticism by asking the following questions.

Why is it that foreign currency cheques take between

two and eight weeks to exchange into sterling in a

United Kingdom bank ac-

cording to a standard charge of £10 and with "same day service".

Now, we have to wait almost two months for the cheque to clear and never know what the charge is going to be until our quarterly statement is issued.

Comments from self-righteous bankers would be appreciated.

Yours etc.
P. VAN RAPPARD,
64 Lurkings Rise,
Cranbrook,
Kent.

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THEATRE: Alan Ayckbourn, after a year as visiting professor of contemporary theatre at Oxford, talks to Alison Roberts

Grab the audience gently by the neck

Alan Ayckbourn had either got into character perfectly or he was made for the part. Wearing black leather jacket and corduroy trousers, like an English don, smug shirt and scarf like a man of the theatre, he strode onto Oxford's Old Fire Station theatre stage for his last public lecture as Cameron Mackintosh visiting professor of contemporary theatre at Oxford University. It was done with a signature flourish and an equally characteristic air of humility.

A year spent teaching the subtle art of entertainment to a class of Oxford-based students, ranging in age from 20 to 70, has left him even more determined to encourage new talent: Daniel Chambers, an Oxford discovery whose one-act play *Selling Out* was directed by Ayckbourn towards the end of his year-long tenure, will be joining the stable of writers nurtured at the playwright's theatre in Scarborough.

Despite his find, Ayckbourn returns to Yorkshire only mildly optimistic about a new generation of British playwrights. The opportunities for them to gain practical experience and a hands-on knowledge of stagecraft barely exist when few are prepared to take on new writers. "I keep looking back to when I started," he says.

"It was a bit later than Osborne, but it was all rolling. There was a tremendous amount of openness and theatres were encouraged to do new work. Slowly, you know, the pincers come in, people get nervous and the financial people come in to take over from the artistic directors."

Rather than bemoan the situation from a height, Ayckbourn has spent his time teaching writers how to make money for theatres as well as make their theatrical point. His approach is about filling seats, entertaining audiences and allowing the more intellectual parts of a play to creep up on them. All this modern stuff — the curtain goes up, three people dressed entirely in black point at the audience accrossing for ten minutes — only baffles the customers, he says. Empty

auditoriums are of no use or interest to anybody and will only hasten the demise of British theatre.

"It is a performing art and the whole thing starts when the audience arrives and if it doesn't arrive it is no good. You have to take risks occasionally and you may offend. The problem at the moment is that we can't afford even to risk offending."

So Ayckbourn tells his writers to say everything they want to say about the modern world, "about nuclear bombs or society's problems", but within the context of a play that grabs them first by the scruff of a populist neck. Being able to do this is partly learnt by seeing what works and what does not by gauging an audience and understanding one's own talent, he says, and returns to the apprenticeship theme.

"Playwriting is an intensely practical craft

and the only way you can learn about it is by having your plays put on. In time you know the audience, you know what they will take and, provided it is done right, it's quite extraordinary what they will take."

In Ayckbourn's darker phase, when the comic dialogue for which he is famous turned into a preoccupation with individual character and personal tragedy, he was able to perceive a failing off, and then put it right. "I became very gloomy at one point; I started to win awards, I was so depressed — they only give very serious people those. And I began to lose my audience, they started to dwindle away because they found it unbearable." His is ultimately a simple formula: the best playwrights have come from the theatre and have known how to make their theatrical point.

The view that a young Shakespeare would have written for *EastEnders* rather than being "featured" on *The Late Show* as an obscure new playwright also worries Ayckbourn. Television's insatiable appetite threatens to swallow emerging talent and he has a fight on his hands to prevent young writers from being sucked into its maw.

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Alan Ayckbourn: "You have to take risks and you may offend. The problem at the moment is that we can't afford to risk offending."

At 23, Chambers is writing for the screen as well as stage. He is aware of the huge difference between the two writing disciplines, however — there are few Alan Bermeitos around who excel at both — and his loyalty ultimately lies with the theatre and the greater sense of personal achievement available there.

This sense of attachment is unusual, says Ayckbourn. He has stayed 45 plays himself, but most people have only seen his work on the television at Christmas. Harold Pinter seems to have run out of

things to say on the stage and is much more interested in film and television. Most young people are wooed by the instant fame and money available to the screenplay writer. "But what I don't want to see is writers turning their backs on the stage because it does offer a difference," he says.

"I think Dan's future would lie in

mastering both, but television eats

material; it can be soul destroying, you see it once and then it's gone. I think there are many writers who don't find their way to theatre who should do." He fears that much of

the new talent he has seen and helped at Scarborough and Oxford will disappear into television if theatre does not take proper care of them, and he cites the case of Anthony Minghella, whose stage writing career has been forsaken for film scripts and Hollywood following the success of *Truly, Madly, Deeply*.

At Scarborough Ayckbourn operates a "parking space" system. Writers are told that they have a slot and to come up with a play two to three months in advance once an initial idea has been approved.

Chambers, who has been promised space for work, is hugely appreciative. "I am still driving with a professional licence and it will give me a vital chance to improve," he says.

As a company-based writer and one of Britain's foremost dramatists, Ayckbourn will always have an outlet for new work. He sympathises with the up-and-coming writers, but, in the end, hard work and struggle is what it's all about. "Most of it is like mountaineering," he says. "We only do it to tighten ourselves."

THIS evening of new and very new music, given at the Queen Elizabeth Hall by the City of London Sinfonia and Richard Hickox, was called *Apocalypse... Then...* It was the culmination of a period of workshop activity in which members of the orchestra, composer Malcolm Singer and dancer Iryna Pyznark had teased out the talent in two Havering schools.

The title comes from an image in the Bayeux tapestry in which Halley's Comet appears as an omen of imminent battle. It inspired Judith Weir to write an orchestral work called *Isti mirant stella*, and her work, characteristically, acted as inspiration and catalyst for further composition.

Towards the end of a sensitively structured programme in which 60 schoolchildren had sat and listened, apparently spellbound, to short works by Vaughan Williams, Robin Holloway and Hugh Wood, Weir's work itself was played. *Isti mirant stella* is ten minutes of Weir's most imaginative string and wind writing, infinitely varied in its string textures, fragments of scales spangling and coalescing to create an almost Messiaen-like sense of the numinous. As a compelling lesson in listening with both discrimination and concentration, the piece worked in own magic. The true extent of its stimulus, though, was to be heard in what followed.

Thirty children from Gidea Park Primary School, Romford, responded, to create an impressionistic dance and sound scape. Pitched percussion looked up to the heavens; a distant antiphony of professional and child trombone players signalled a wordless singing of a night's calm before the storm of battle was unleashed both physically and aurally.

A more abstract, symbolic work was created by the older students of Emerson Park School, Hornchurch. Their near-minimalist, motif-like approach was matched by stylised martial-art movement. A sense of ancient yet timeless combat under a dark star culminated in a long funeral march from stage to auditorium.

The CLS certainly deserves every new member of the audiences and orchestra it is helping to build.

HILARY FINCH

THEATRE: Jeremy Kingston is unimpressed by a winner in a young writers' festival

Non-communication not conveyed

According to the publicity for this first play by Adam Pernak, "Two brothers become killers. One is celebrated, the other punished," so that society's hypocrisy and self-destruction will be exposed. Well, yes and no.

The brothers are twins, named David and Jonathan. David is in the RAF, goes out to fight in the Gulf and presumably drops bombs on Iraqis; Jonathan confronts an older man who is showing interest in his girl and murders him in an unspecified but

Killers
Royal Court
Theatre Upstairs

in an unspecified degree, refusing to listen when his brother attempts to connect with his feelings but eventually (though in the play's opening scene) declaring that only he knows what it is to kill a man: slowly, so that one can watch the victim suffer.

Quite. It is absurd to suggest that society exhibits hypocrisy

in locking him away, and impossible to throw up hands in shock horror when neighbours pick on the parents, supposing them, with reason, to bear some responsibility for such errant behaviour.

The play is curiously unfocused, as if the author never decided how best to tackle what I take to be his principal theme, the self-destruction of the family through fear of

MARILYN KNIGHT

communication. The father (Sam Kelly, balefully staring) refuses to appreciate how his churlishness distresses his wife (Rowena Cooper, bravely distressed), but Pernak's family scenes do not suggest what effect this must have had on their offspring. The writing does not just treat the parent/son relationship thus; it does not deal with it at all. Inviting an audience to work matters out for itself are all very fine and good but clues are needed.

A similar blank exists between the two brothers, played by real-life twins Mark and Stephen McGann. The names Pernak allows them to suggest closeness of heart but the lines give us no inkling of this. Is Jonathan angry with David? Why is he so cruel to the man he murders? For that matter, what function is served by giving the father a huge model army spread on a shelf across the full width of the stage?

The play emerged from the theatre's Young Writers Festival sponsored by Marks & Spencer, and passages in the bickering between husband and wife indicate a good ear for expressions of soured feeling. Ian Rickson's direction tries to make overlapping action suggest unity of theme, but this exposes the weird jerks of tone between scenes.



Brothers both in life and on stage: Stephen (left) and Mark McGann in *Killers*

TELEVISION REVIEW

Gripped by the demons of dogma

The Big Battalions
Channel 4

writer Hugh Stoddart, balancing elements of *Racing Demon*, *My Beautiful Laundrette* and *Cry Freedom*, came up with a good proportion of trumps. Some scenes failed to avoid melodrama (usually because characters were not given time and space to escape stereotype), but most of the gingers in the great construction stood up well to the loads director Andrew Grieve made them carry.

The strongest, changing metaphor, was the strand involving a battle to become Bishop of Birmingham between Brian Cox's charismatic Archdeacon and Malcolm Sinclair's foegish, doctrinally liberal academic-cum-administrator. Cox's was a splendidly

power which was always on the verge of becoming violent. "You are full of demons," said Jane Lapotaire as his estranged wife (working as an aid worker in Ethiopia, with a daughter in Jerusalem, all to be connected up later), looking permanently sadder and wiser, as if she made a habit of listening to Ancient Mariner stories several times a day.

She was absolutely right,

and the main demon pursuing this satisfactorily complex character, was ambition. Thwarted in the race to the bishop's palace, the Archdeacon took an increasing interest in small fundamentalist sects (with particular attention to

attractive young female members) and the possibility of installing them in a converted church designed for multi-religious worship. Did he really believe literally in the Virgin birth and the necessity for "strength and separateness" in religious doctrine? Transfixed by the glittering eyes of Cox's Archdeacon, you could see how easily he would persuade others of such ideas.

Much of the first episode was shot in Ethiopia, with majestic high plateau scenery providing a backdrop to scenes of unexplained brutality involving the army, a Christian church, aid workers and a fishy and well-financed group of American missionaries (World Redemption Inc.), most of whom sported the crinkly-eyed, sagging-jawed smile of the outgoing President of the USA. I do not yet know exactly what is going on in every major religious divide and debate covered by this series, but I expect to be pretty well-informed at the end of episode five. Gripping stuff.

HARRY EYRES

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The Natural History Museum is developing a computer program to transform biological work, Nick Nuttall writes

In search of havens for flora and fauna

At the Natural History Museum in London, botanists, entomologists and zoologists are developing a computer system which may play a crucial role in helping to conserve the planet's endangered animals and plants.

The system, called World Map, can give planners of national parks and areas of conservation a more efficient way of identifying the sites they need to protect to save the maximum number of animals and plant species in a given part of the globe.

The program, an example of an expert system, will analyse knowledge on the num-

bers, distribution and types of species in an area which has been gathered over many years from scientific field trips.

Dr Chris Humphries, a senior scientist on the museum team, says: "It will then optimise the possibility of getting maximum biodiversity in the minimum number of areas."

The museum's team has just completed a project looking at antelopes in Africa for the species survival commission of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, based in Gland, Switzerland.

The IUCN furnished information including maps on the distribution and relationships of Africa's 78 antelope species and then the program was set to work.

It identified between 40 and 50 key conservation sites, in order of importance, that would save the maximum number of antelope species. Some of the sites identified were already conservation areas. However, the program showed that they may be less important than other sites that are not protected.

World Map is also being deployed in Brazil where it is trying to manage populations of rare and endangered plant species in a garden setting. "Each has made the commitment to maintain viable populations from their areas. We use computers to keep in track of who has which populations and how they

are doing," Dr Morin says. Better management of collections is possible with modern information technology. Harvard University's Herbarium, for example, bar codes dried plant specimens rather than supermarket code food.

Herbaria are akin to lending libraries with often many thousands of species being despatched and returned each year.

The bar coding system, which is being developed by Jim Beach, the data administrator, will help to keep track of specimens so that scientists know what is on loan and where, and what is in storage.

A bar coding system also allows a herbarium to rapidly alter cataloguing details if new research indicates that some

plants should be renamed rather than having to amend, by hand, written records.

The Harvard Herbarium is also experimenting with geographic information systems and satellite imaging data to pinpoint the locations of plant species in Borneo. Such techniques may help to cut the costs of floral surveys by reducing the time and number of scientists needed in the field.

Where computers are expected to play an ever increasing role is in the challenge to classify, describe and name the between five and 30 million species alive on Earth. It is estimated that fewer than 1.6 million have been studied at even the most basic level.

Crucial to this process is

access to details on collections held at the world's leading centres. This enables researchers to establish the extent of duplication and whether identical species have been catalogued under different names in different places. Meanwhile researchers in the field can quickly establish whether or not a "find" is indeed new.

One of the projects Dr Morin is involved in is in collecting and documenting the plants on lands from Mexico to the Colombian border. The Flora MesoAmericana project, launched in 1981, is being run in conjunction with Natural History Museum, in London, and the National Autonomous University in Mexico. According to Dr Sandy Knapp of the London museum, the project is helping to fill "a vacuum of knowledge about what is out there both on the ground and in museums".

The Flora MesoAmericana project's first volume is to be published in April 1993 in book form. The information is also being loaded onto Missouri's Tropicos data base. By accessing the Joint Academic Network (JANET) in Britain,

botanists will soon be able to have access to the St Louis database via America's Internet network. Such access could allow researchers in London, for example, to identify more rapidly a newly collected species from Central America as a relative of an economically important one previously believed to be alien to the region.

Over the coming years it is likely that computers will increase the rate at which different biological disciplines merge together in the race to conserve biodiversity.

By analysing knowledge on a plant with information on climatic conditions, geography, soil chemistry, and, for example, distribution of predators, scientists may improve the success rate of reintroductions of rare species.

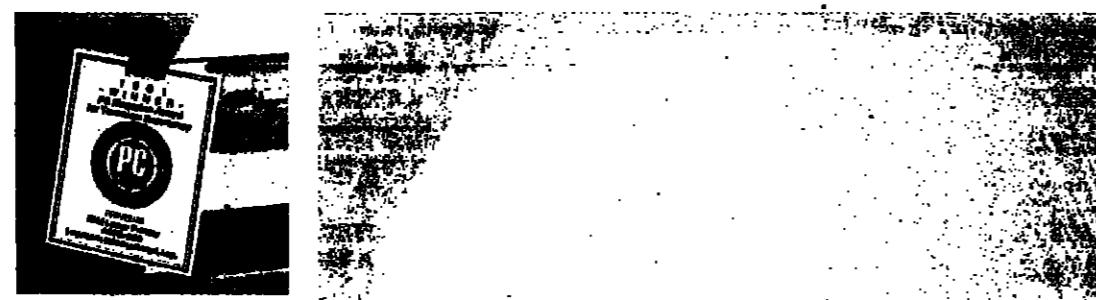
Whether the full potential of global biological data bases can be realised will depend on the adoption of standards and issues of intellectual property rights. Charles Stirton, deputy director of Kew Gardens, which is reviewing its information technology strategy, says: "These are not trivial issues. Technically things may be more achievable than they are ethically."



Home sweet home: researchers at the Australian National Museum are identifying conservation areas for lizards



Bar-coded plants at Harvard Herbaria



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Goggle eyes

SONY has developed a goggle-like television viewer that gives users the impression that they are watching a 33-inch screen at a distance of one metre. Users of the Visiotron see images from two 0.7-inch liquid crystal displays which are reflected in two mirrors covering the eyes, and hear stereo sound through earphones. Sony, which is studying whether the device can damage the eye, has no immediate plans to market the sample product.

Splashing out

CHINESE officials have said that they plan to buy up to \$2 billion of American equipment to produce computer chips over the next two to three years. Until restrictions were relaxed last year, the sale of such equipment to China had been banned by Comco, the multinational group that vets the export of advanced technologies to communist states.

Sales pitch

SALES of pre-recorded music will revive in 1993 but any increase is unlikely to be in existing formats, predicts a report from the research firm Euromonitor. At present the market is waiting to assess the impact of the recently launched digital compact cassette, which promises to record and playback with the quality of compact disc. Customers will have a further choice with the advent of the Minidisc, a small compact disc that has the same features.

Brain strain

A EUROPEAN research consortium is to participate in a Japanese project to develop a four-dimensional computer. Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) said it was about to sign an agreement with the European Consortium for Informatics and Mathematics, which has research institutes in nine European countries, to develop a so-called "real world computer". The computer will be designed to process a vast quantity of vague and complicated data, imitating the functioning of the right side of the human brain. Its applications will include environmental studies, security in nuclear power stations and aircraft, and detection of cancers, an MITI official said.

No more key-bashing

Millions more people will take to computers if only the need to use a keyboard can be banished or at least reduced. That is the belief of several of the largest manufacturers who were showing off their latest products at the computer industry's biggest annual trade show, Comdex, which got under way in Las Vegas this week.

There are already several small notebook computers available that do away with the need for a keyboard by allowing users to point an electronic pen at the screen to give commands and that will also recognise separately written characters.

They have been particularly successful in some specialist applications such as filling in electronic order forms or in situations where the user is moving around and would find using a keyboard difficult.

Used as a sort of electronic clipboard, pen-based computer uses range from collecting data at the scene of a crime to replacing paper forms normally handwritten by a surgeon in the operating theatre.

The pen can be used to electronically tick boxes, choose from a menu of options or move symbols around a screen as well as the limited handwriting recognition.

This week Grid Systems, one of the forerunners in the field, decided to try and get the best of both worlds with the announcement of a "convertible" notebook computer. Although this £2,700 unit includes a keyboard, the screen can be removed and used by itself with an electronic stylus.

The company is hoping this will widen the appeal to ordinary computer users who need a portable computer complete with keyboard for general applications but might like, for example, to experiment with using the electronic pen as a

letter to a client," said Betsy Reagan, vice-president of marketing for Grid.

But the obstacle to wider use of pen-based computers is that they cannot recognise joined-up writing, making them of only limited use as note-takers.

Technically it is a horrendous problem to try and design software that will recognise the huge variations and sometimes downright illegibility of people's handwriting. On the other hand, if each character is printed reasonably clearly and separately, it is relatively easy for the software to decide which character a user's squiggle most closely resembles. Much more complex algorithms and larger memory would be needed to recognise a whole word at a time.

By the time these facilities arrive, we are likely to be well into the era of personal communicators — essentially smaller pen-based computers which will include the functions of a cellular phone, pen-based computer, fax and electronic organizer and definitely no keyboard.

Apple, IBM, AT&T and a small startup called EO Inc, which is partially owned by AT&T, all used this week's exhibition to show their interest in the field while several companies such as Motorola showed wireless communications systems planned for such devices.

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Sign here: electronic notepads can already recognise separate handwritten characters

chip and comes with a 125-megabyte hard disc drive.

For example while standing in a phone booth talking on a phone, a sales representative, who needs information stored on the hard disc can navigate through data using the pen with only one hand.

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Public matters in private hands

The shake-up has started. Government computing departments are either cutting their costs drastically, in preparation for privatisation, or gearing up for the possibility of being run by the private sector itself.

In response to the white paper "Competing for Quality", published a year ago parts of the civil service under central government control are now required to organise a programme of "market tests". These are regular assessments of whether you get better value for money by providing service internally or by buying it in through an external contractor. If you choose the latter, the service then becomes "outsourced".

There is no presumption that market testing will lead to outsourcing. But to run a sensible market test, there must be the possibility of being able to contract out the service, should you so wish.

"This involves being able to specify what the service is, being able to manage the contractual relationship, and to have some confidence in the quality of service being supplied by the contractor," says Elizabeth Ransom, a partner in charge of consultancy at KPMG's central government practice. All central government departments were required to submit market test programmes by March for the 1992/3 year.

One of the areas where it is easier to establish an objective measure

Government departments are coming face to face with the market, reports Clive Couldwell

ment of whether you are receiving the required level of service is in information technology.

The Inland Revenue, for example, has been considering the outsourcing of some or all of its information technology functions. It is now trying to improve the value for money and quality of work handled by its in-house unit, the information technology office.

The department has already market-tested and contracted out some activities, including record storage, and with the problem of ensuring that sufficient controls are in place to safeguard confidential information.

Private contractors and their employees are required to adopt the same standards when protecting the privacy of taxpayer information as would apply to inland revenue employees.

The government's market testing programme, driven by the efficiency unit in the cabinet office, is also prompting local authorities to

radically rethink how they provide their services, including information technology.

Increasingly, local authorities are realising that the computer systems they run do not form part of their core activity, which is to ensure that services to the general public are delivered effectively to the appropriate standard.

Some are also unwilling, or in some cases, unable to sustain the high costs of running these systems. So they have often asked external suppliers — facilities management, or other outsourcing companies — to manage them instead.

According to figures about to be released from market researcher Romtec, public sector facilities management accounts for £58 million in local government. Central government departments and agencies account for £67 million.

It is a fast-growing industry. The British market for facilities management in information technology has reached more than £500 million a year, with the public sector accounting for nearly a third of that. Hoskyns is still the leading supplier overall though others are growing rapidly and closing the gap.

For example, Telecom Capital has grown particularly rapidly, almost exclusively from offering facilities management to the public sector. One of its customers, Berkshire County Council, is just over halfway through a five-year facilities management contract. The



Mike Fogarty: "We buy the capacity we need. We've saved 20 per cent of our budget in the first year".

company looks after the council's ICL mainframe computer and communications operation.

David Bowles, the county council treasurer, argues that the council has gained significantly from the experience.

"The contract means we only pay for the resources we use and we have been able to reduce greatly our overheads as a result."

Hertfordshire Council has recently outsourced the bulk of its information technology operations to ITNet in an £11 million, five-year agreement. "We buy the

capacity we need," says Mike Fogarty, head of information services for the council. "We've saved 20 per cent of our budget in the first year".

Although the council has kept control of applications development and of the departmental systems which house the activities of the council's social services and libraries, Mr Fogarty says some or all of these functions will probably also be outsourced in the next wave of competitive tendering early next year.

"We may go for the same supplier if the business case is there; we may not," he says.

Health also accounts for a respectable £33 million share of the public sector outsourcing pot. Made up of the 14 regions, the NHS has, historically, managed a large chunk of the health sector's computing. Now, internal market changes, brought about by the recent structural reorganisation in the health service, are pushing busy managers in the direction of outsourcing.

The old district health authorities, which used to manage hospitals and community services, are being transformed into "purchasers" of health services, taking their "products" from the "providers", the hospitals. Separate units, so-called NHS trusts, are being set up to manage the provision of these services instead.

The two health service candidates for market testing are information technology and finance. Trusts will take on these services themselves, or outsource them.

Can't handle your information technology? Call the experts

The big City financial institutions have always been among the heaviest users of information technology. Now many of them are looking at the prospect of outsourcing either as customers or by using their computer knowledge to provide services to others.

A growing number of software houses and consultancies offer facilities management or outsourcing services aimed at the financial community. Participants in this relatively new market include EDS Scion from the software sector and Andersen Consulting from among the consultancies. Market research

suggests that within five years the UK will spend £1 billion a year on outsourcing.

Last year the established companies were joined by Barclays Bank, which set up Barclays Computer Operations (BCO). This not only tenders competitively for Barclays' own processing requirements but also offers services to other financial institutions.

Bruce Hotter, BCO's managing director, says his company's specialist knowledge puts it in a better position than the independent outsourcing companies to offer services to other banks and even potential competitors because it is

Financial institutions in the City of London are increasingly making use of outside companies to do their computer work

as deeply rooted in the financial community as it is in the information technology world.

Mr Hotter says: "We understand the demands that are being made on the financial community. For example, there are some very stringent controls coming out of the Bank of England that apply to the whole financial sector — the banks, insurance companies and building societies."

So far most of the work that BCO

undertakes is for its parent company. Outside contracts "hardly register yet" and account for only about 1 per cent of business, Mr Hotter admits.

None of the other main banks has been as adventurous. "My impression is that the others either wish they had thought of it first or say that we are out of our minds" Mr Hotter says.

Other city institutions are frequently turning over their comput-

er systems to be run on their behalf. The London Stock Exchange has been a large user of computer power for 20 years but it has now largely abandoned its involvement with the technology and handed over the lion's share of the task to Andersen Consulting.

This particular contract, however, is not the type in which the whole of the computing department — buildings, machines and staff — are handed over lock, stock

and barrel to another outsourcing provider.

Only computing staff have been transferred to Andersen and the Stock Exchange has retained ownership of both the buildings and the machines.

The main reason for contracting out the processing was that, although the systems are old, they perform vital functions that it is essential to keep running.

"It is a little embarrassing that we should have allowed our systems to get into that state at all," says Jane Barker, the finance director of the Stock Exchange. "But we needed both to change them and to keep

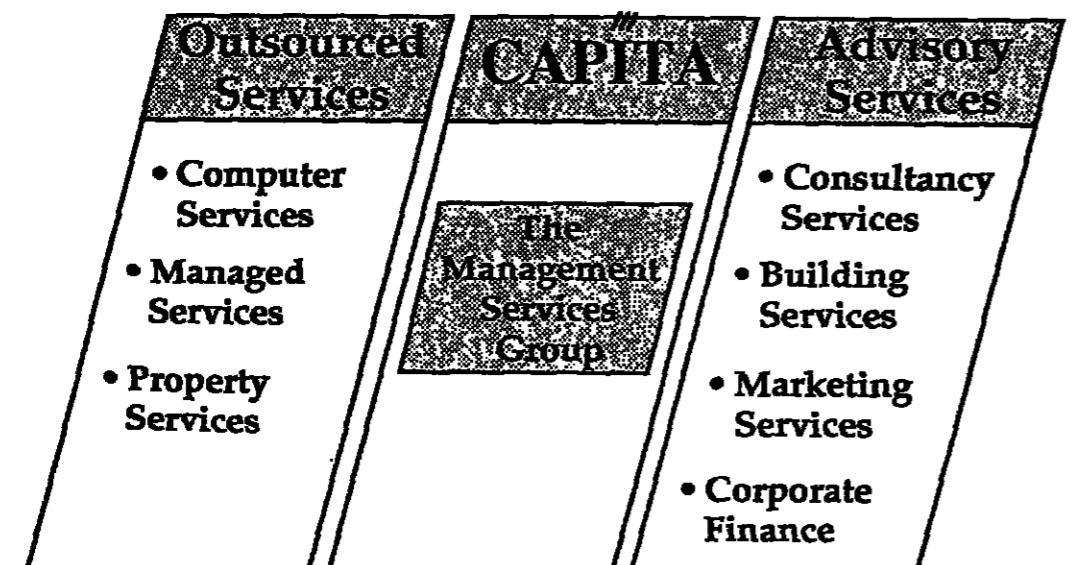
running. There is no way that a traditional facilities supplier could replace our kit because it is so old. Much of the knowledge is therefore held in the heads of the people who have been working with it."

Another problem with many outsourcing deals is that the employees of the company outsourcing the system are fearful of their future employment prospects under a new management structure. Ms Barker admits that the changeover was difficult. "You cannot go through this sort of exercise without some pain for the staff," she says.

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The giants invade the pitch

When IBM moves into a market, heads turn. David Guest on the impact of big league players

One of the more tiresome clichés of the computer industry is the assertion that when the huge and influential IBM takes its first steps in any new sector of the information technology market, it "legitimises the market".

What this forelock-tugging often means is merely that IBM has been a bit slow off the mark. But the late arrival of IBM and others in facilities management and outsourcing has been more deliberate.

"The major manufacturers stayed out because they saw it as a threat to their main lines of business," says Richard Bagelin, director of customer services for the French-owned computer maker Bull. "Those that formed the market were not the traditional suppliers and they did so because of spare capacity or leverage from assets they already had."

The trail-blazers in facilities management and outsourcing have been specialist, independent providers of computer software and services, companies like Hoskyns, AT&T/Itel, EDS and Andersen Consulting.

"Hoskyns was for a long time the market leader," says Patrick Whale, senior IT partner at KPMG and the past president of the Computer Services Association. "It was a good business for them, and in large part it contributed to the market's success."

They have now been joined by companies often associated with computer manufacturing and by smaller operations that specialise in certain aspects of outsourcing. At the margin, members of the big six accountancy firms are showing increasing interest.

That computer suppliers like Bull, IBM, ICL, Digital Equipment (DEC) and others have been drawn in is not least because of the shrinking earnings from their traditional lines of business.

Market research identifies outsourcing as one of the few remaining growth markets in information technology — 30 per cent growth a year is a figure commonly touted.

It's becoming rather like the second-hand car market

programming can be expected to be honest brokers in a services market.

Mr Whale remains to be convinced. "One thing clients expect, though it isn't always written down, is that they will get objective, impartial advice. For me, the acid test is will companies like IBM and DEC really recommend another supplier's equipment to their clients?"

On the other hand, a recent survey carried out for 3Com found that a number of computer users did not regard the independence of their partners as an issue.

Mr Anthony suggests there are three main factors customers should look for in a service supplier.

"There are pluses and minuses in an expanding market," says Mike Anthony, chief executive of Garton Synthesis, an outsourcing company that specialises in helping computer users to manage changes in their IT operations. "A number of organisations see a new opportunity and leap into it first. It gives credibility to the market if IBM is involved, but on the other hand people are jumping on the bandwagon and I'm concerned that it is becoming rather like the second-hand car market."

Mr Whale agrees. "There are now some signs of oversupply and dissatisfaction."

IBM, in the form of IBM Information Solutions, has been open for outsourcing business since March, although business director Paul Neale notes that IBM has been involved in outsourcing "in a reactive mode" since the late 1980s.

Mr Bagelin makes the same point. "We have been in it in a small way for two years, mainly in response to a request from customers or in systems integration."

That more companies are active in facilities management and outsourcing means a greater choice for computer users but it also means a more difficult choice. Opinion is divided over whether companies with large-scale manufacturing and operations can be



Patrick Whale: will companies like IBM and DEC really recommend another supplier?

a strong balance sheet, a good track record, and people with the right qualifications. He suggests that there are only half a dozen companies capable of meeting these requirements.

In outsourcing, he adds, companies should have a very firm strategic plan covering the duration of an outsourcing agreement. Their supplier must be capable of demonstrating that it understands all the nuances of the applications systems in question. "You must insist on seeing the people who will be doing the work," he emphasises.

Not surprisingly IBM and Bull both argue that they can contribute unique advantages in providing such services. "In IBM, we have a

national and international capability," Mr Neale says. "We also have a knowledge and understanding of how technology is developing, and that can give us a substantial insight into how a customer should position itself.

"We have a flexibility within ourselves that the others don't have; for example, if a customer wants to go back in-house, we can help with that."

Mr Bagelin stresses that partnerships between suppliers may be equally important. The size of some public sector contracts, he says, is such that only one or two companies can tackle them single-handed.

Mr Whale's main piece of advice

to companies thinking of using such services is straightforward. "If nothing else, make sure you can cope if it comes to divorce, as has happened."

"I would very strongly counsel people to look at computer sites where the service has been provided before," he says. "You should also crawl all over the contract, and be sure that it isn't an entrée to taking over everything."

"You need to have a clear idea of what you want done and where to set the limits. And don't commit to too long on the first period of the agreement — three to five years seems too long to me to make commercial sense. What's wrong with a year to see if it works?"

How strange the change ...

Christmas came early for long-standing employees of Granada Information Services (GIS) which provided computing services to many Granada companies, including the television station and TV rental chain.

A five-year contract was signed — again with Hoskyns — and the two, along with 150 colleagues, became Hoskyns employees. They now provide a variety of computer processing, systems development and support services back to Granada Group.

"Everyone involved in the takeover has begun to adopt the new company culture, rather than continue to think of ourselves as former employees of Granada," Mr Sullivan says. "I think it has become evident that people's career potential has been greatly improved."

Susan Spense joined the services company EDS-Scicon in 1984 when it took on Unilever Computer Services, a computing bureau which serviced Unilever subsidiaries. Now responsible for managing other staff who have themselves been outsourced, Ms Spense has been using education and training to help people through the integration process.

"It is a very confusing time," she says. "You're comfortable in your career, having found your niche in the organisation. Overnight, you're hit by the fact that you no longer work for that company and you're now working for another. It knocks the comfort factor for six."

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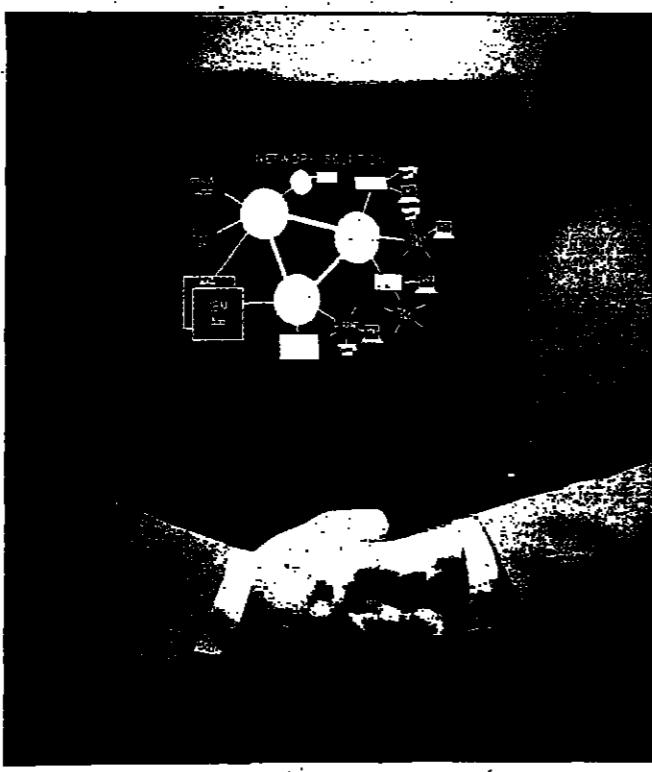
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Wales must guard against the dangers of euphoria



DAVID Campese recounts in his autobiography an incident after the match in 1984 when Australia had administered to Wales their biggest defeat, 28-9. To emphasise their superiority, Australia had even forced upon Wales, for the first time, the ignominy of a pushover try at Cardiff Arms Park.

Campese was told by a Wales player afterwards: "You can't say your players are better individually than ours. Man on man, there is little difference." He concluded that "Welsh rugby grows up with delusions". Perhaps, the trouble is that Welsh rugby, quite often, imagines the game as it would wish it to be rather than as it actually is.

Perhaps one of those moments is upon us now.

The euphoria — for that is what it is — that permeates the darkest corners of Welsh rugby after the victories by its two foremost clubs against the tourists is premature. A sigh of relief, perhaps. Indeed a quiet, satisfactory nod might be appropriate. They indicate a significant advance and, at last, give a glimpse of light at the end of a tunnel that a summer ago hardly flickered.

These successes hint that Welsh rugby might have turned the corner. But it is a long road back to rugby respectability. There are those, however, who are drawing the conclusion that the game has already reached

its destination. They begin with a spurious argument. If two clubs can accomplish success then it surely must follow that the Welsh team must do the same. Surely, the national team, two-thirds of which consists of players from these two clubs, must, as night follows day, inevitably succeed. International matches are different, however.

If, on the outside chance, this should come to pass, it is but a short, albeit highly imaginative step, for some eccentrics to conclude that Wales are the rightful heirs to the World Cup crown. There are those as Alan Davies, the Wales coach, knows, and a central core of whom are members of Welsh rugby's higher echelons, who would

not have to be nudged too far to draw this conclusion. Wales is not short on whimsy.

This is the great pressure under which Davies and his manager, Bob Norster, have to work. It is the pressure created by false expectations, not of their own making but of those of others. The management is required unreasonably to fulfil them.

What these club victories have done is to encourage, quite rightly, the view that Wales are in the kind of shape tomorrow that was barely audible a year ago. Within his squad Davies has already established the four cornerstones without which no team can begin to function: pride, discipline, confi-

dence and a spirit of mutual well-being. The players are happy doing what they are doing. It is no wonder at this stage that Davies does not wish to upset this equilibrium by changing the team. He has to choose the right moment.

The priority is defence. An unhappy team makes for reluctant tacklers. On the

evidence of the Wales B match as much as the two club matches, the lesson of organised defence is filtering through. Davies has managed to point a way towards stopping the rot that saw so many teams achieve such high scores against them. Australia's dominant lineout, with or without Eales, will put this severely to the test. Full

Welsh recovery is a long way off. The support systems that Davies has asked for, are in place. Jeff Young, the director of coaching, is making huge strides in taking on new ideas and promoting his own among the development officers in districts and communities.

At long last a financial investment is being made, albeit slowly, at every level. Rugby is being promoted in a way that would hardly have been credible a couple of years ago. The seeds of future success are being sown.

Rugby victories against outside opposition are welcomed in order to underpin all this work. All that can be said is: so far so good.

RUGBY UNION

Injury forces Eales to miss match in Cardiff

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Eales, the Australia lock, who has won 17 caps during his meteoric rise in international rugby, will miss the match against Wales in Cardiff tomorrow.

Eales, 22, was always doubtful after a partial dislocation of his shoulder at Llanelli last weekend and withdrew from the team yesterday.

Rod McCall, his club and country partner, will move to the middle of the lineout and the Australia management hopes that Garrick Morgan, capped twice as a replacement during the summer, will be fit to play at the front.

Morgan's fitness has been the subject of much scrutiny this week and it seems curious that a fit and experienced forward, such as Troy Coker, has not been brought in.

Morgan left the field at Ebbw Vale on Tuesday with strained stomach muscles but an x-ray showed no tear. "I feel okay and I'm sure I'll be fit to play," he said.

Even so, it seems a risk worth avoiding for a match that Bob Dwyer, the Australia coach, suggests will be harder, in relative terms, than the World Cup semi-final against New Zealand last year.

The interim council meeting of the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB) closes in Bristol today and, concurrent with it, has been the inaugural general meeting of the IRFB, involving 48 of the 54 member unions.

Among their interests has

been the future of the World Cup and what assistance they may expect from the profits of the 1991 tournament.

The board has appointed Brian Skirrow, born in Coventry but raised in Cardiff, as tournament co-ordinator for the 1995 World Cup.

□ Nick Farr-Jones, the scrum half whose retirement from international rugby has left such a hole in the Australia side, plays for Mickey Steele-Bodger's XV against Cambridge University on Wednesday.

He appears alongside nine other internationals, including two who featured on the recent South Africa tour — Theo van Rensburg and Harry Roberts.

M R STEELE-BODGER'S XV: T van Rensburg (Transvaal and South Africa); D Coughlin (Saracens); H Hall (Cardiff and Wales); J Gough (Cardiff and Wales); J H Luland (Beacons and France); A Davies (Cardiff and Wales); J van Jones (Cardiff University and Australia); J Ford (Rugby Union and Wales); G Price (Pembroke (Pembrokeshire and England); R Walmsley (Edinburgh Academicals and Scotland); J Woodward (South Wales and Wales); N Edwards (Plymouth and Wales); S Holmes (Wasps); M Rennell (Bedford).

□ Leicester, the Courage Clubs Championship leaders, will be without Tony Underwood for their match against Bath, the league champions, at Welford Road tomorrow.

Underwood, 23, suffered a thigh injury in England's win over South Africa at Twickenham on Saturday and, although originally named in Leicester's line-up, the problem has failed to respond to treatment. Rory, his elder brother, replaces him.

Sheasby ruled out of Dubai quarter-final

FROM CHRIS THAU IN DUBAI

ENGLAND will play Bahrain Warblers, the composite side including New Zealand, Samoan and English international players, in the quarter-finals of the Dubai sevens today without their captain, Chris Sheasby, was carried off in the first half of a bruising encounter against Hong Kong in their qualifying pool yesterday.

Sheasby was knocked face down in the sand, and it took Kevin Murphy, the England physiotherapist, nearly five minutes to revive him.

The player seemed keen to carry on, but the England manager, Peter Rossborough, ruled him out of the match. Sheasby, from Harlequins,

will not be allowed to play for three weeks. Adrian Thompson, of Wasps, has taken over the captaincy.

In the last minutes of the game against Hong Kong, Nicholas Beal, of Northampton, twisted an ankle, and is doubtful for today's game.

RESULTS: Pool 1: England 22, Russia 12; England 22, Hong Kong 12; Portugal 12; Hong Kong 14; Portugal 10; Pool 2: 12; England 22; Portugal 0; Russia 10.

Hong Kong 0; Pool 2: Scotland 12, Canada 12; France 0; Canada 12; Scotland 12; Pool 3: Scotland 12, France 7; Pool 3: Italy 31, Germany 20; Pool 4: Bahrain Warblers 49; Millfield 48; Germany 14; Millfield 48; Natal 19; Bahrain 19; Pool 5: Canterbury 49; Sri Lanka 21; Canterbury 12; Sri Lanka 12; Pool 6: Bahrain Warblers 49; Canterbury 49; Portugal 10; Germany 14; Millfield 48; Natal 19; Bahrain 19; Pool 7: Wales 19; Canterbury 49; Canterbury 49; Sri Lanka 12; Pool 8: Bahrain Warblers 49; Canterbury 49; Portugal 10; Germany 14; Millfield 48; Natal 19; Bahrain 19; Pool 9: Wales 19; Canterbury 49; Canterbury 49; Sri Lanka 12; Pool 10: Bahrain Warblers 49; Canterbury 49; Portugal 10; Germany 14; Millfield 48; Natal 19; Bahrain 19; Pool 11: Bahrain Warblers 49; Canterbury 49; Canterbury 49; Sri Lanka 12; Pool 12: Bahrain Warblers 49; Canterbury 49; Portugal 10; Germany 14; Millfield 48; Natal 19; Bahrain 19; Pool 13: Bahrain Warblers 49; Canterbury 49; Canterbury 49; Sri Lanka 12; Pool 14: Bahrain Warblers 49; 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6.00 *Ceefax* (57402) 6.30 *Breakfast News* (9896575)
 9.05 *Kilroy*. A topical discussion with Robert Kilroy-Silk (2231391)
 9.45 *Rosa King*. Andi Peters launches *Children in Need* on this morning's game show (s) (5861933)
 10.00 *News*, regional news and weather (7550440) 10.05 *Playdays*. For the very young (r) (5861933)
 10.30 *Good Morning*... with Anne and Nick. Anne Diamond and Nick Owen present a leisure guide, a romantic story and shopping advice. Including 11.00, 12.00 *News*, regional news and weather (42301440) 12.15 *Pebble Mill*. Judi Sayers introduces the Pudsey Olympics as part of *Children in Need* (s) (9000049) 12.55 *Regional news and weather* (7813078)
 1.00 *One O'Clock News* with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) *Weather* (56778)
 1.30 *Neighbours*. (Ceefax) (s) (4221440)
 1.50 *Eldorado*. Fun in the sun (r) (Ceefax) (s) (73965136)
 2.20 *Going for Gold*. The European quiz (s) (2024014)
 2.45 *The Flying Doctors*. Rising Sun. Drama series set in the Australian outback. Two Japanese businessmen want to buy the property in Coopers Crossing (8508556)
 3.30 *Cartoon Double Bill* (4520223)
 3.45 *Children's BBC*: *Bump* (r) (1441339) 3.50 *Christopher Crocodile*. Cartoon adventures (3306562) 3.55 *Superbods*. Series exploring the human body (4505700) 4.10 *Chimpanzees Go to the Movies* (s) (4382391) 4.25 *Tako Tako*. Two *Greens* reports on music on the radio (8429204) 5.00 *Newspaper Round* (2697575) 5.05 *Byker Grove*. Children's drama series. (Ceefax) (8514865)
 5.35 *Neighbours* (r). (Ceefax) (s). Northern Ireland: *Inside Ulster* (125020)
 6.00 *Six O'Clock News* with Peter Sissons and Molra Stuart. (Ceefax) *Weather* (223)
 6.30 *Regional news magazines*. Northern Ireland: *Neighbours* (r). (Ceefax) (s) (575)



Fundraising: Sue Cook, Andi Peters, Terry Wogan (7.00pm)

7.00-8.00 *Children in Need*. Terry Wogan and Sue Cook host this year's appeal. The pop group Right Said Fred and Bananarama are among the celebrities who will be asking viewers to raise money for Britain's most vulnerable and disadvantaged children (78533)
 7.15 *Circus Pic Show* (s). Peter Simon and Sharee Richie referee a Pudsey Olympics event. Maxine, former Blue Peter presenters John Noakes, Peter Purves and Valerie Singleton join John Leslie in *Search of Bill and Ben* (173488)
 7.30 *Regional Children in Need Update*. News of fund-raising activities around the country (594681)
 7.40 *The Children in Need Flame*. After two weeks and 750 miles, Linford Christie and Steve Cram hand over the *Children in Need* flame to Terry Wogan (757569)
 8.00 *Grab a Grand*. Frank Bruno refutes as Noel Edmonds tries to "grab a grand". The pop group Right Said Fred extends an invitation to lunch (1001)
 8.30 *Long-Distance Karaoke*. Bobby Davro hosts a karaoke contest between impersonators from Wales and Northern Ireland (3976)
 9.00 *Nine O'Clock News* with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) *Regional news and weather* (8136)
 9.30-2.00 *Children in Need*. In the final part of tonight's fund-raising marathon, *Birds of a Feather* stars Pauline Quirk, Linda Robson and Lesley Joseph add a touch of burlesque glamour, the cast of *Casually* presents a musical interlude, and Jeff Banks hosts a *Children in Need Clothes Show*. Including 9.35-10.35 *Esther Rantzen and Gavin Campbell*: honour children of courage and achievement (7934594)
 11.35 *Regional Children in Need Update*. Regional round-up (384136)
 12.00 *Cabaret Time*. Terry Wogan and Sue Cook introduce two hours of entertainment with the casts of West End shows *Annie Get Your Gun* and *Five Guys Named Moe*, rock star Robert Palmer, Beverley Craven and Sally Stratten. Bob Holness hosts the final of the Pudsey Olympics (322587)
 1.15 *Regional Children in Need Programmes*. The latest progress (93806) 1.45 *Highlights*. Memorable moments (4109150)
 1.55 *Grand Total*. The money donated so far (8318570) 2.00 *Weather*

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
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RADIO 3

6.55am *Weather*

7.00 *On Air*. Andrew Lyle with news and music including

Beethoven's Overture, *Didio's Brass Band*, *PSM* and *Colin Day's Dances*. (Slate)

Children's Corner: *Alexis Weissenberg*, (blend); *Nielsen (Serenata in F)*; *Purcell: Monteverdi Choir and English Baroque Soloists* under John Eliot Gardiner (s)

9.00 *Composer of the Week*: *Henry Wood*, Brian Burrows, tenor, and Anthony Saunders, piano, perform *A Last Poem*, *The Green Castle*, *The Rose*, *Robert Gray*, *Songs, Do*, *1812*, *Tristan and Isolde*, *Piano Trios*, Op. 24; *BBC SO*, under Andrew Davis with *John Gavron*, piano, perform *Piano Concerto*, Op. 31

10.00 *Children in Need*: Chris de Souza presents the Radio 3 contribution from Pebble Mill. There will be an auction of manuscript scores and personal items and Mary Wigand will sing new songs with the Composer's Ensemble under Dominic Muldowney

1.00pm *News*
 1.05 *Children's Concert*, live from the Festival Hall, London. *Phantomomus* from *Franz Peter-Missa*, with Cleo and Antonio, piano, Julie Waters and Robert Powell, narrators, Benjamin Luxon, baritone, perform *Saint-Saëns (Carnival of the Animals, excerpts)*; Paul Patterson (Little Red Riding Hood, first broadcast)

2.00 *Mining the Archives*: Stephen Johnson discusses recordings from the 1983 *Chetham Festival*. BBC Northern Symphony Orchestra under Jascha Horenstein perform *Bruckner (Symphony No. 3 in D minor)*

3.05 *Nikolai Demidenko*, piano, performs *Bach*, *transc. Liszt (Fantasia and Fugue in G minor)*, *BWV 542*; *Bach*, *transc. Busoni (Nun komm' der Heiland Retz)*; *Wolff (zu der)*; *Glinka (Schneewittchen)*; *Denis et Eudore*; *Prokofiev (Ninon Fugitives, Op. 22)*

3.30-3.10 *Night School Extra*

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RADIO 4

5.55am *Weather*

6.30 *Song is the Lightest*

7.00 *Children in Need*

7.30 *Music*

8.00 *News*

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FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20 1992

Taylor recognises the important influence of Lazio's midfield maestro

England need Gascoigne's genius

By STUART JONES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

IF PAUL Gascoigne's performance in the 4-0 win over Turkey on Wednesday is anything to go by, the speed and comfort of England's journey towards the next World Cup finals will be conditional on his availability.

As long as he is in a side specifically designed to promote his talent, England could travel first-class to their intended destination — the United States — in 1994.

If Gascoigne is temporarily indisposed the progress promises to be faltering. Should his absence be prolonged, the essentially second-class outfit would be unlikely to maintain sufficient impetus, on a route pockmarked with too many dangerous pitfalls, to emerge as one of the two nations to qualify from group two.

Gascoigne has acted as a catalyst, transforming England from the negative to the positive. Without him last summer, a confused bunch of moderate representatives finished seventh in the European championship.

With him at Wembley on Wednesday, a compact and purposeful unit achieved their biggest win for 3½ years.

That was also at home in a World Cup qualifying tie and, by coincidence, it was then that Gascoigne made his initial impact. Introduced as a substitute a month short of his 22nd birthday, he scored his first international goal in the 5-0 victory over Albania.

In those days, before he wrecked his right knee and almost his career, he was

being groomed by Bobby Robson for one of the two central midfield roles. The other was eventually filled by David Platt in a formation that reached the semi-finals of the World Cup.

Graham Taylor, the England manager, revealed yesterday that he was never convinced that the partnership was ideal. He felt Gascoigne should be released from defensive duties and allowed to operate in a free role behind the front two.

Since Gascoigne ruined the theory before it could be put into practice, the experiment was carried out instead with the only other Englishman capable of acting the part, John Barnes. Although it worked instantly and convincingly, against Argentina in May last year, he was also subsequently badly injured.

The plan had to be dropped and, as Taylor searched vainly for an adequate alternative, England lost their shape, their way and their stature. Hence, the national manager was prepared to take the risk of recalling Gascoigne ahead of schedule for the opening qualifying tie against Norway last month.

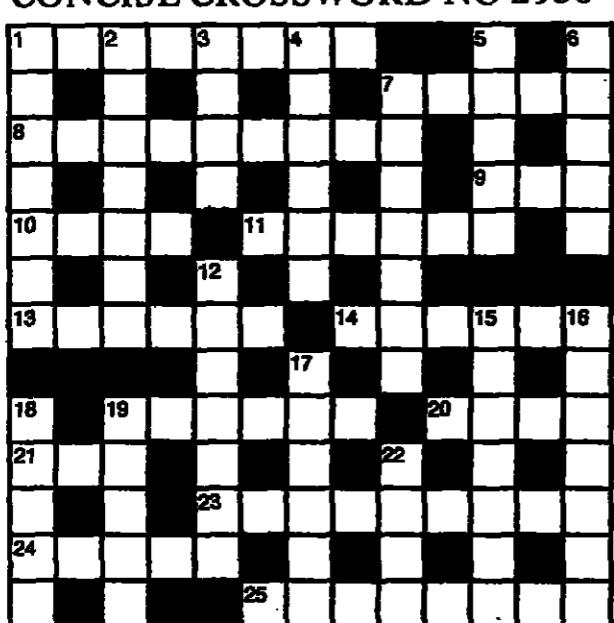
The restoration process started in the nick of time. Instead of falling out of contention, England have climbed into second place in their group and, for the first time in 18 months, are giving the impression they know what they are doing and where they are going.

They are not a one-man band and Gascoigne, to his credit, recognised as much when he refused to accept his award as the man of the match



Hand signals: Taylor indicates England's winning margin over Turkey at Wembley on Wednesday

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8 Cope with (9)
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13 Poverty (6)
14 Means (6)
14 High spot (6)
20 Indigo source (4)
21 Spoil (3)
23 Star-gazing (9)
24 Period (5)
25 Not called upon (8)

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2 Chest seat (7)
3 Black yellow stinger (4)
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6 Poser (5)
7 Modified (7)
12 Coming (7)
15 Chicken house (7)
16 Held up (7)
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WEEKENDER CROSSWORD
By RAYMOND KNEENE, Chess Correspondent

This position is a possible variation from the game Fischer - Spassky, Belgrade (Game 21) 1992. To have a rook placed behind a passed pawn, as white does here, is a huge plus in the endgame. What is white's most clear-cut route to victory?

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UKORIOUS
a. Ox-like
b. Doting on a wife
c. From beyond the Urals
ANDROPHOBIC
a. Hating men
b. A scarecrow
c. The Mediterranean hornet
Answers on page 40

HEBDOMAD
a. Half mad
b. The dromedary's hump
c. A week
LUCUBRATION
a. Pedantic and laboured writing
b. Celebratory rations
c. Rearing wolf cubs

BY PETER HALL
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Swedes keep Wilkinson waiting

LEEDS United's attempt to sign two of Sweden's most talented defenders could end in failure (Ian Ross writes).

Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manager, had hoped to complete the transfers of Joachim Bjorklund and Patrik Andersson, both 21, for a combined fee of £1.1 million.

But Andersson is unhappy about financial aspects of the contract offered to him. "If Leeds pay peanuts, all they'll get is monkeys," he said. His reluctance to commit himself may influence the decision of Bjorklund, a close friend.

It is believed to involve a signing-on fee due to Gary Chapman, who moved from Notts County for £15,000 nearly 13 months ago.

"I understand the problems of young players moving from one country to another and have told them to go away and think about everything very carefully," Wilkinson said.

Exeter City were yesterday banned from dealing in the transfer market by the Football League. The embargo was made following a complaint by the Professional Footballers' Association.

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Mick Quinn, one of nine Newcastle United players placed on the transfer list this week, has joined Coventry City on loan. Bobby Gould, the Coventry manager, has talked with his Newcastle counterpart, Kevin Keegan, about the possibility of making the move permanent.

Neil Webb's return to Nottingham Forest should be completed tomorrow. The Manchester United midfield player had asked for time to reconsider the £800,000 deal but he is now expected to agree to it.

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